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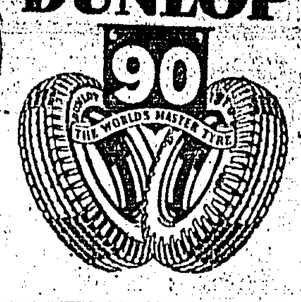

CHINESE ARMIES MAKING SLOW GAINS

KWANGSI UNITS STRIKE SWIFT BLOWS AT ENEMY

Altered Strategy Gives Troops Confidence In Li Chung-Jen's Ability

(Special to "Telegraph")

Tungshanku, Feb. 18.

Headquarters of the Chinese army here, only a few miles from Hsuchow, admits that Lianghsiatien, 85 miles north from this point, has not yet been recaptured. However, Tsohsien, 90 miles to the north, is at present enveloped and Chinese units are in the suburb. But the Chinese artillery has refused to fire for fear of wounding Chinese civilians still in the city.

Chinese units are also entrenched in the northern section of Tsining. They advanced a few blocks yesterday, threw up machine-gun emplacements, crept into the houses and fired from the windows. The Japanese garrison, heavily armed, is attempting to hold on to its position in the hope that reinforcements will come up. But it is probable that the road which reinforcements must travel will be cut by the Chinese.

"General Li Chung-Jen's headquarters told me that the Fifth Route Army's mobile forces have swooped down from the north-east through ground emptied of Japanese troops, to recapture Mingkwang. The Japanese troops were meanwhile trying to push westward into Anhwei province. These Fifth Army men are Kwangsi-born, and a hardy crowd.

The Chinese main body is moving south from Kuchen, and has recaptured Tsaolaochi, ten miles north of Pengpu. As a consequence the Chinese attack on Hwaiyuan forced the Japanese to retreat southward. —*United Press.*

Strategy Altered

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

Chinese military strategy has undergone a drastic change since the Shanghai positional warfare. I have found the Fifth Military District, which embraces Shantung, Kiangsu and Anhwei, under the command of General Li Chung-jen, organised on

(*Continued on Page 4.*)

STRATEGIST

LI CHUNG-JEN

STOP PRESS

CHINESE STILL HOLD WEIHWEI

Peiping, Feb. 18.

The official claim made by the Japanese yesterday that they had captured Weihwei was modified when the Japanese stated that advancing forces engaged in a fierce battle at the Weihwei Station a mile or so north of the town, in which 1,000 Chinese were killed.

The Japanese then swung westward nearer to two other columns pushing along the south-east corner of the Shansi province.

Weihwei is still in Chinese hands.

Independent Japanese columns are advancing along the left bank of the Yellow River from South Hopei, and occupied Yangwu.

A new Japanese offensive has been launched in Shansi, and the vanguard of the Japanese forces has entered Pingyao.—*Reuter.*

(*Further Stop Press News on Page 12.*)

NEW NAVY WILL COST AMERICANS MILLIONS

Programme Requires Staggering Sum

Washington, Feb. 17.

Rear-Admiral Dubose, Chief of Naval Construction, testified to the Naval Affairs Committee to-day that President Roosevelt's naval expansion programme would cost over G$1,000,000,000.

He estimated that 46 warships would cost G$731,095,000, that 22 auxiliaries would cost G$246,451,000, and that mine-sweepers and tenders would cost a further G$72,000. These estimates were exclusive of the cost of 1,000 fighting planes.

He explained that the United States navy had no plans for materially changing the size of the two 35,000 ton warships provided for in the 1939 Navy Supply Bill.

Members of the committee pointed out that only a relatively small portion of the G$1,000,000,000 would be expended in 1939.—*Reuter.*

Chiang to Fling 40 Divisions at Invaders

JAPAN TO BUILD NEW CHINA

Implores Help Of World Powers

London, Feb. 17.

Japan will maintain her policy of an "Open Door" for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Chinese people, and will welcome the cultural and economic co-operation of the interested powers, especially Great Britain, in the rehabilitation of China, declared Viscount Ishii to-night at a dinner of the Japan Society, at which he was the guest of honour.

Viscount Ishii said: "Our entire objective is the stabilisation, once and for all, of our relations with China upon a basis which cannot be destroyed from time to time at the whim of a Chinese Government, hostile to us, as so often has occurred in the past."

Japan desired the restoration of China as her natural market, said the speaker, and emphasised that the re-establishment of such a market would go far in relieving trade competition throughout the world. But the restoration of that market must depend upon the rehabilitation and reconstruction of China herself.

This could only be brought about by the closest co-operation between Japan and Britain. It was folly to talk about Japan's desire to evict foreign interests, for without the co-operation of other powers, Japan could not attain the object she had in view. "A reconstructed China, working amicably with us all will bring about that permanent peace in the Far East which Japan, no less than any other country, so earnestly desires," concluded Viscount Ishii.—*Reuter.*

New Political Move Made In Austria

Seyssinquart's Visit To Germany

Berlin, Feb. 17.

The French Ambassador made his first visit on Herr von Ribbentrop, new German Foreign Minister to-day, after which it was announced that all foreign questions concerning France and Germany were discussed. It is understood that the Austrian question was also raised, and the German view stressed that the recent developments contributed to the strengthening of peace.

Great expectations are entertained here in connection with Herr Seyssinquart's appointment as Minister of Public Security and Federal Leader of the National Political Department. It is reported that he is uniting the police force and Ministry of the Interior under the one administration which is generally regarded as the most important development, next to the amnesty which was granted.

The first visit Herr Seyssinquart made in Berlin to-day was to the chief of the political police, after which he saw Herr von Ribbentrop before he was received by Herr Adolf Hitler. Herr Seyssinquart's visit to Berlin is described as being unofficial.—*Reuter.*

NO CONSCRIPTION IN PEACE TIME

London, Feb. 17.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present Government would not introduce conscription during peace time.

This reaffirms the pledges given by Earl Baldwin's Government previously.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

EURASIA PLANES RESUME FLIGHTS

Hankow, Feb. 18.

The Eurasia Aviation Company has resumed its regular air mail and passenger service between Sianfu, Lanchow and Ningsia.—*Reuter.*

TO THE LAST MAN!

Insurgent Spanish troops have fought with great courage in and around Teruel. When they were temporarily on the defensive they fought to the last man to hold their positions. Here Loyalists have trapped some of them and are calling for their surrender.

FRIGHTFUL STORY OF TSINING'S CAPTURE TOLD BY SURVIVOR

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

Unimpeachable information brought through the Japanese lines has been placed in my hands. I am unwilling to give the source of my information, but I testify to its reliability. I learn that the Chinese have been living in a reign of terror under Japanese rule in Tsining since January 11. It is a fact that the Chinese are at present counter-attacking Tsining and street fighting is reported to be going on.

My informant states that the Japanese laid hands on all women and girls, irrespective of age, with the exception of those who took refuge in the Baptist, Presbyterian and Catholic Mission compounds. In the early days of the Japanese occupation, he declares, anyone—husband, mother or children—who attempted to interfere were killed by the Japanese.

He asserts that when the Japanese first arrived in Tsining they ordered all homes to leave the doors open at night time and anyone who did not open was slain. Many have been killed.

My informant advises that all women and girls at Tenghsien or any other place in the path of the Japanese advance be kept hidden.

When the Japanese had arrived in Tsining, the mission hospitals were filled with pitiful cases of people wounded in a terrible manner.

Bombs In Mission Compound

On January 10 two bombs landed in the Baptist Mission compound and window panes were broken and frames smashed. One bomb fell in the school yard, made a huge crater and put the water system out of commission. It shattered the east end of the church. "It was a bright sunshiney day. There was an American flag flying from the top of the water tower and another from the church steeple, and also a large flag on the roof of the primary school building. The compound is in a mess," my informant states.

The Chinese gateman was killed but a foreigner sitting in the dining room was unharmed.

On January 11 a shell entered a foreigner's bed-room, struck the foot of an iron bed and smashed it, broke the mirror and shattered the window panes there and in the bathroom.

On the same day four Japanese planes flew over the Presbyterian compound and machine-gunned the place, but no-one was hurt.

Foreigners Well Treated

According to my information, the Japanese treated the foreigners with respect and regretted the bombing.

Six hundred refugees are living in the Baptist compound. It is reported that 10,000 are living in the Roman Catholic Mission yard.—*United Press.*

BRITAIN WON'T BAN CHINESE EGGS

London, Feb. 17.

Asked in the House of Commons whether he would take steps to prohibit the importation of Chinese liquid eggs to prevent a rise in typhoid infection from this sources, Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, declined, and added that laboratory examinations of Chinese eggs had not revealed the presence of disease-producing organisms.—*Reuter.*

QUARANTINE LIFTED

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

STRUGGLE FOR HANKOW EXPECTED TO BE LAST BIG POSITIONAL FIGHT

China's New Army To Make Desperate Bid for Victory

Hankow, Feb. 18.

The last great positional fighting in the present war, before which the battle for Shanghai and the struggle for the Lunghai railway are expected to pale, will be fought in the province of Hupeh, possibly near Hankow, is the opinion of competent observers here. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek hopes to put at least 40 divisions into the field for this battle, and expresses confidence that it will be Japan's Waterloo.

A stream of all the most modern weapons of war—heavy guns, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and automatic rifles—have been steadily flowing into China from abroad. These weapons are daily distributed to the "new army," composed of reorganised divisions and new ones emerging from the drilling grounds.

If the Chinese are defeated in this great battle, the Government and the army are withdrawing to the mountains in the north-west and south-west. The Chinese will try to hold the seven provinces of Szechuen, Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangsi, Shensi, Kansu and Chinghai. There will be no more positional fighting, but China's resistance, it is predicted, will be continued unabated in the form of guerilla operations from one end of the country to the other.

Observers here do not minimise the importance of the battle for Hsuchow, but regard it, and other battles to be fought for the Lunghai railway as only curtain-raisers to the great decisive clash to follow.

Air Challenge

Chinese aircraft are expected before long to offer serious challenge to Japan's supremacy in the air. With the arrival of bombers and pursuit planes from Russia, England, France and America, and the new pilots being turned out from various aviation schools, the Chinese air force is growing stronger every day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is constantly visiting the different fronts by air. Only recently he made an especially important tour, accompanied by the Kwangsi leader, General Pei Chung-hsi, China's master strategist, who was once Chiang's implacable foe, but is now his close friend in a common cause. At Linfeng in south Shansi, they conferred with Chu Teh, Mao Tse-tung, and other commanders of the Eighth Route Army drawn from the communist army then at Kaifeng, the capital of Honan. They poured over maps, and discussed the campaign with Li Chung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and a host of other commanders.

Tactics Have Changed

Although their decisions were kept secret, this much is known: The Chinese tactics have been changed, and there has been an important reshuffling of troops. While Chiang Kai-shek attaches great importance to the battle for Hsuchow, the main fighting strength of the Chinese will not be concentrated there. Before the fall of Nanking, Chinese commanders at different points fought their own battles without any co-ordinated plan. For example, when the Japanese were using all available troops to smash their way to victory in Shanghai General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, who was recently executed for dereliction of duty, sat tight in Shantung, doing nothing.

Chiang Kai-shek believes this lack of co-ordination has been remedied, and that things will be different in the battle for the Lunghai railway.—*Reuter.*

Mander Asks If U.S. Will Share Docks

London, Feb. 17.

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lib.) will ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, on February 22 "if the British Government would be prepared to enter into negotiations with the United States Government for the latter's use, by lease or otherwise, of a portion of the Singapore naval dock."—*Reuter.*

Britain Still Backs Stresa Understanding

Not Able To Judge Effect Of Austro-German Accord

London, Feb. 17.

The policy of the British Government continued to be inspired by the joint resolution of the Stresa Conference, declared Lord Halifax, Lord President of the Council, when replying to-day for the Government in the foreign affairs debate. Lord Halifax added that the efficacy of that resolution depended upon the loyal co-operation of all parties to it—Britain, France and Italy—and not on the British Government alone.

So far as the resolution referred to to the maintenance of the independence of Austria, the Government was not yet in a position to estimate the effects of the recent Austro-German agreement, but Government was watching the situation developing with close attention.

Lord Halifax reaffirmed Britain's desire for peace and world appeasement, and, in referring to Germany, said the Government was pursuing with energy, examination of the questions raised when he visited Berlin.

Lord Halifax added: "Not the least of the problems confronting us to-day is to make provision for securing a peace which may not exclude peaceful revision and change where such may be rightly required."—*Reuter.*

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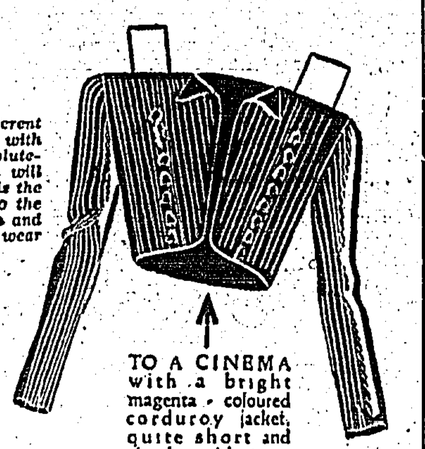
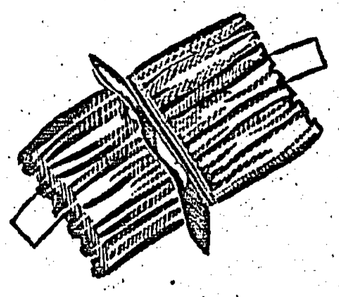


TO A CINEMA with a bright magenta - coloured corduroy jacket, quite short and simple, with turn-back revers and long straight sleeves hung with two rows of tiny silver bells instead of buttons.

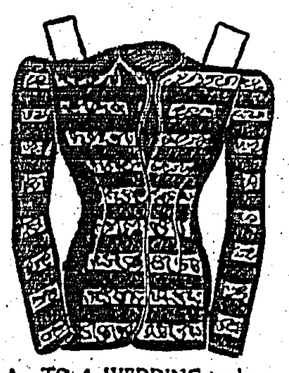


TO THE OFFICE—belted with a wide band of emerald green crepe, closely draped, but held with a whalebone at the back to keep its width, fastening off in a short frill.

OUT TO LUNCH with several strands of pastel-coloured pearls, two gold clips, and a long gold chain hung with gold shells. On one wrist a thick gold cable bracelet, on the other a bangle of twisted old gold and copper and a wide gold band.

TO A BRIDGE PARTY with a short sleeveless bolero made of coarse white lace. (Both boleros and lace being stop-press fashion news.)

FOR A DAY'S SHOPPING with an astrakhan collar and belt and little peaked cap to match.



TO A WEDDING under a bright lamé wrist - length coat, striped black, gold, and red, severely tailored and very smart.

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Rules For Custard

WHEN making a boiled custard with eggs (two or three eggs to a pint of milk), pour the beaten eggs into warm milk, and not the milk into the eggs. Then put the mixture, with sugar to taste, into a jug, stand in a pan of boiling water over the fire, and stir one way only until it thickens. Don't let it boil. If you follow all these rules your custard will not curdle.

To give the custard a special flavour (such as lemon), let the milk stand over a gentle fire with the chosen flavouring in it and infuse for about twenty minutes before you add the eggs.

Use Glue

IF you prefer to wash your own blankets add a little glue (a small teaspoonful) to the rinsing water. It will give an extra sheen to the blanket and make it look like new.

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If you're a nice wife, of course, you'll buckle to and make a raid on the store cupboard.

An original first course is difficult to produce at a moment's notice, but here is one which I have found from a fairly wide experience, is a favourite with guests. It requires few ingredients, is quick to make, and our "home-made" name for it is—

Pimento Pie

THE ingredients for a party of four are: *4 hardboiled eggs, ½ pint of white sauce flavoured with salt, pepper, 1 oz. of parmesan cheese and a tablespoonful of economy cream, and a small tin of pimento.*

Boil the eggs hard, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in a greased fireproof dish. Prepare the white sauce, adding the cream and cheese, and pour over the eggs. Place in a medium oven for ten minutes. Meanwhile cut the pimento into long strips about a quarter of an inch wide, and just before serving, decorate the pie with pimento arranged in chessboard fashion.

Follow this course with cold roast beef, sliced and arranged on a dish, garnished with watercress. Serve with it potatoes baked in their jackets and a winter salad.

Most men prefer a savoury to a sweet, and here is one which is a little more exciting than the usual sardine on toast. Its name is—

Baked Roes

FOR four people you will need: *Half a pound of herring roes, 1 tablespoonful of lemon juice, 1½ oz. butter, enough grated shallot to cover a threepenny bit, a pinch of chopped parsley.*

Grease the inside of a fireproof dish. Heat the butter in a pan, fry the roes lightly, and then arrange them attractively in the dish in rows, one on top of the other. Add the lemon, chopped parsley and grated shallot to the butter in the pan and heat for a few minutes. Pour over the roes and cook in a quick oven for five minutes.

The entire dinner can be prepared in well under an hour and will be found to be particularly popular with men.

If you have not the staff or the money to return hospitality on the same scale as your richer friends, then choose a dinner that can be partly prepared before the guests arrive. Three courses is ample nowadays, providing there is plenty of each.

Fish is an expensive item on a menu, so those who wish for a fish course will welcome the speciality of our home, which costs about sixpence for four people. We call it—

Mock Sole

INGREDIENTS are: *1½lb. of filleted herrings, breadcrumbs, and tartare sauce.* Cover the herrings with breadcrumbs and fry in fat as you would sole. Serve on a fish dish, garnished with water slices of lemon and parsley.

The tartare sauce is simply made as follows:

Beat the yolks of two eggs quickly in a basin, adding slowly drops of oil and vinegar until the basin contains enough sauce for the number of guests. Add one finely chopped gherkin and you have an excellent tartare sauce.

The second course I suggest is another standby in our home as it is economical as well as tasty. It's called—

Fricassee of Veal

THE ingredients:—*1lb. of pie veal, 1 small shallot, ½ pint of white sauce, juice of a lemon, some button mushrooms, and 6 pieces of streaky bacon.*

Cut up the veal into small pieces, put them into a saucepan with the shallot and some stock, and allow to simmer for a good hour. Make a white sauce with the stock, and then reheat the veal in the sauce, adding the lemon juice. Place in an entree dish and garnish with rolls of bacon, button mushrooms, and diamond croutes of fried bread.

Serve with nests of mashed potatoes fried in breadcrumbs and filled with a teaspoonful of spinach a la creme.

I suggest as a third course a sweet that can be prepared during the afternoon.

Pineapple Royale

YOU will need: *One ripe pineapple, 1 gill of thick cream, 1 tablespoonful of sherry or cointreau.*

Cut the top off the pineapple and lay it on one side. Scoop out the inside of the pine with a blunt kitchen spoon, taking care not to damage the sides or base of the pine. Chop the fruit very finely, add the cream and sherry, and leave in a basin in the refrigerator until just before dinner is ready. Then put back into the pine, place its top on, and serve in a glass bowl filled with ice.

Pamela Marlowe

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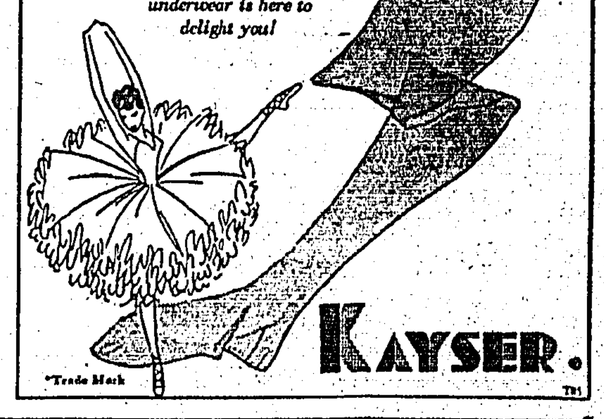

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MISS STANWYCK "I LOVE YOU" TO HUSBAND

New York.

Lovely Barbara Stanwyck, in fighting mood, is determined to appeal against the decision which gives her former husband, Frank Fay, the right to see their adopted son, Dion.

Judge Wilson, of the Los Angeles Court, ordered that when Fay sees the child on Tuesdays and Thursdays and alternate Sundays:

He must have no liquor with him "either within or without,"

There must be no friend in the house who has been drinking; and

The child's nurse must be present,

Fay told the court he was now "on the water wagon," and had been drunk only 15 times in his life.

"MY PRAYERS FOR YOU"

Judge Wilson ruled that it was nobody's business how many times Miss Stanwyck saw her friend Robert Taylor.

Two letters introduced as evidence spoke eloquently of the love Miss Stanwyck once had for Fay.

The first, undated, written during a quarrel, said: "I love you just as much as it is possible for a woman to love a man. I cannot imagine life without you, and I am not being melodramatic.

"You were always right about everything, so you must be right about what you want to do. Only please, Frank, whatever you do, love me and wherever you go take me, for there I will be content. With all my heart, God bless you.—Barbara."

In a second letter dated November 17, 1934, she regretted not sending Fay a birthday present. "No diamonds, no watch, no anything. When my prayers are heard in heaven, and I hope mine are, they are filled with you and for you.

"And so, Frank, all I have to give you to-day is my prayers that all will be well with you."

Miss Stanwyck was not permitted to answer when asked whether a £10 cheque which, according to Fay's lawyer, was given to Dion by Robert Taylor, was returned marked "insufficient funds."

BEHEADED QUEEN'S FAREWELL

Paris.

The text of Marie Antoinette's last letter—begun at 4.30 on the morning of her execution and left unfinished—is now revealed.

Found in her cell by the French Public Prosecutor on October 15, 1793, the letter was submitted to the Senate as evidence in the inquiry into the execution of Louis XVI. and his Queen.

Several copies were then made, and these were so good that controversy has arisen over the question of which is the original.

The letter, addressed to the Queen's sister-in-law, Elizabeth, says:

"I have just been condemned, not to a shameful death—for such it is only to criminals—but to go to your brother. Innocent like him, I hope to show the same firmness he showed in his last moments. . . .

"NEVER AVENGE"

"Receive my blessings for both my children . . . May my son never forget the last words of his father; let him never try to avenge our death.

"I sincerely ask God's pardon for all the faults I may have committed during my life. I hope that it may please Him to receive my soul in His mercy and goodness."

The letter ends with these words: "They may bring me a priest; but I shall not say one word to him and shall treat him as an absolute stranger."

TO MEET BRITISH

TO MEET BRITISH — Efforts to settle remaining differences between Britain and Ireland were planned with the meeting in London between Eamon de Valera, Irish Prime Minister, and British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Above are Mr. de Valera, Chief Justice O'Sullivan and Speaker Frank Fahy after the votive mass in Dublin marking inauguration of Eire's new constitution, which further severed bonds of British domination.

VAMP FACES WEIDMANN

Versailles.

"I really must beg your pardon, Madame . . . . You are making a mistake. It was not I who fired at you in the garden."

With the exquisite politeness which had fascinated so many women, Weidmann, the Monster Slayer, said that to-night when he was confronted for the first time with "Colette the Vamp," Colette Tricot, charged as one of his accomplices.

During four long hours of ceaseless questioning at the office of the examining magistrate, M. Bery, both showed astonishing politeness, and courtesy in their questions and answers, which surprised the examining magistrate and counsel present.

HANDCUFF POLITENESS

The woman quietly insisted that Weidmann had fired at her, because she had discovered the book of travellers' cheques belonging to Miss Jean de Koven, the American dancer, whom Weidmann is alleged to have murdered.

Delicately throwing out his handcuffed hands, Weidmann made his equally quiet denial, and added: "How could I be so foolish as to shoot at you in the garden, Madame? If I had done so it would have attracted the attention of the neighbours."

"Well, I was climbing over a wall at the time," Colette replied, "and I did not see who fired. But as we were the only two in the garden, it must have been you."

Colette to-morrow will be confronted with Roger Million, her lover, with whom she fled to the country after the start of the murders.

Information was put before M. Bery to-day alleging that Weidmann was convicted in Canada in 1928 of issuing counterfeit money and was deported after serving a term of imprisonment.

United States Navy Will Test Longest Defence Line

By CARROLL KENWORTHY
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.

THE UNITED STATES ANNUAL FLEET MANOEUVRES BEGINNING MARCH 14 WILL TEST A DEFENCE LINE THAT STRETCHES 4,322 MILES DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN FROM THE RIM OF THE ARCTIC TO SUB-EQUATORIAL WATERS, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL DISCLOSURE.

It is the nation's "major defence line" according to officials, comprising the outermost defensive "front" in the event of a major Pacific war.

In the north the line is based on Alaska and the string of Aleutian Islands which reach arm-like from the North American mainland towards Asia. In the centre the line is based on the Hawaiian Islands where the Pearl Harbour defences are so strong as to be known as "The Gibraltar of the Pacific."

The southern extremity of the line is the naval station in American Samoa, 15 degrees below the equator. Here the main harbour is Pago-Pago.

Never before has the United States fleet planned such extensive manoeuvres. Naval officials disclaimed any connection with the recent conflict between Japan and China. They said the plans were drafted previously, but unofficial experts were confident that recent developments in the Far East "war" would cause certain alterations in the basic plans of the games.

One hundred and seventy-five warships, about 500 planes and between 50,000 and 60,000 men will participate in the games. They are scheduled to start on the California coast of the United States and spread fan-like over the vast triangle represented by Dutch Harbour in the Aleutians on the extreme left.

The area of the triangle is approximately 480,000 square miles. The leg from the navy base at San Pedro, California, to Dutch Harbour is 2,400 nautical miles. The leg from San Pedro to Pago Pago is 4,163 miles and the third leg which splits the North Pacific virtually in half from Pago Pago to Dutch Harbour is 4,322 miles.

AVIATION MAJOR ASPECT

Officials said that major sections of the fleet were not likely to cruise as far south in the Pacific as the Samoan station which lies 2,270 miles below Hawaii.

They indicated, however, that aerial arms of the fleet would cruise very near to Samoa, if not entirely there. Thus for the first time in history the navy planes will be in operation almost simultaneously in one set of war games from the frigid region of Alaska to the fierce tropical heat of sub-equatorial Samoa.

Aviation will, in fact, be a major aspect of the games according to all advance indications.

Many of the relatively little used islands of the Pacific in the great triangle will be employed and tested as aerial bases. Those presumably included in the list are the Aleutians, the Midway Islands, (northwest of Hawaii) Baker and Howland Islands and Kingman Reef, which lie south of Hawaii near the equator on the route to Samoa and Australia, and finally the islands of Samoa, including particularly Palmyra. The last is a quiet lagoon reported admirably suited for a seabase.

In preparation for the vast games, a squadron of navy planes wintered in Alaska protected by the convoy ship—Lapwing.—They were based early in the winter at Sitka.

Another indication of the navy's plans was the acquisition recently of a part of Kodiak Island, across the Gulf of Alaska from Sitka. Women's Bay on the eastern side of that island is reportedly a good operating base for planes.

Kiska, in the Aleutians, is one of six ports which the government has closed to foreign shipping in that region. In fact, all the Aleutian Islands lying west of Meridian 167 are officially declared an "air space reservation" over which commercial flying by any nation is prohibited for reasons of "public safety."

All the Aleutians also were recently charted by a special navy expedition and a submarine squadron spent much time in that region ostensibly exploring coves and potential operating bases.

The strategic significance of the region is believed to be due to its proximity to the "Great Circle" route of trading vessels which operate between Asia and North America. It is also much closer to Asia than any part of mainland United States.

Officials indicated that the naval manoeuvres will spread all over the region named and end with a "critic" at Hawaii late in April.

EMPIRE NEWS

DEFENCE ISSUE IN CANADA

Ottawa.

Government officials look forward to to-morrow's by-election at St. Henry, Quebec, with anxiety. Mr. Houde's election on an anti-armament and anti-defence policy might revive provincial fears which were thought to have been extinguished by the recent result of the Lotbiniere by-election.

St. Henry is wholly urban and strongly French, with only a sprinkling of English people. An unfavourable result might make trouble for French members when the defence estimates again come up in the House. On the other hand a Liberal win would suggest smooth sailing.

Defence of Vancouver.—Details of the defences for Vancouver are outlined in the Vancouver *Daily Province*. They include the establishment of a battery of two 6in. guns in Stanley Park and a similar battery on Point Grey headland. Militia units of coast artillery are to be organised to man the heavy guns and searchlight batteries. Point Grey battery is to be designated a counter-bombardment unit. Its duty will be to prevent an enemy warship lying out in the Gulf of Georgia from bombarding the city of Vancouver.

NEW ZEALAND

PACIFIC AIR PLANS

Auckland.

Pan-American Airways are not abandoning the New Zealand-American service, despite the loss of the Samoan Clipper last week, near Samoa, when the whole crew of seven were killed in an explosion.

A big Boeing 'plane, capable of carrying 72 passengers, is nearing completion for the South Pacific service.

INDIA

CONGRESS MODIFIES ANTI-BRITISH BAN

Bombay.

Congress Ministers, described as "public servants," are now exempted from the ban on participation in official functions which are "calculated to enhance the prestige of British Imperialism." The ruling has been given by the All India Congress Executive, following representations from Congressmen.

A similar change of mentality is indicated by modification of the so-called independence pledge, whose wording has been softened on the grounds that the phraseology was drawn up to suit times of strife and would not suit times of peace.

Railway Collision.—A head-on collision between the Calcutta-Delhi express and a goods train at Bamraull, near Allahabad, wrecked both engines and the leading carriages. Seven people were killed and 15 injured. The main line was completely blocked. Among the killed was Noel Rayfield, 16-year-old son of Mr. J. H. Rayfield, of Kildare, Ireland, who is employed by a Calcutta firm.

Steamer Abandoned.—The Belfast liner Laganbank, 5,563 tons, stranded in the Maldive Islands, has been abandoned. Sixteen British officers and 42 Lascars have been taken off. The vessel is expected to break her back.

SOUTH AFRICA

EARL HOWE WINS

Cape Town.

Earl Howe, the British racing motorist, won the Grosvenor Grand Prix, the last big race of the South African season, here yesterday in a British E.R.A. 1,500cc. car. He covered the 203½ miles in 2hr. 43min. 9.2sec. Italian Maserati cars filled the second, third and fourth places. The drivers were P. Taruffi, L. Villoresi, who took over Count Lurani's car at the 27th lap, and W. G. Everist, an Englishman.—Reuter.

SHOOTING OF A WHITE RHINO

Second Rarest Animal In The World

Durban.

The shooting in Zululand of one of the rarest animals in the world has been the subject of court proceedings, and a South African farmer has been fined £40. The rare animal was a white rhino, one of two which strayed from the Hluhluwe Game Reserve and wandered on to a farm near Babanango.

The farmer said he was called out by his terrified natives, none of whom has seen such a beast before. He found two enormous beasts grazing peacefully among his cattle. As he raised his rifle he saw that they had horns on their noses, and it occurred to him that they might be rhinos. He fired at the bigger of the two and both came trotting towards him. He ran for his life and climbed the nearest tree. He fired ten shots until the bigger animal staggered and dropped.

The white rhino is the second rarest beast in the world, the okapi being first. It is found only in Zululand in the Hluhluwe and Umfolosi Reserves. Each specimen is valued at £1,000.

Rescuers Deserted By Natives

New York.

Four Americans — trying to penetrate the trackless jungle of British Guiana in search of Paul Redfern, the U.S. aviator who disappeared ten years ago—are in desperate straits.

Messages picked up from their portable radio state that their native porters have deserted, leaving them marooned on a rock islet in the Cuyuni River, 150 miles from Georgetown.

Aid is being rushed up the river, but it is feared that no one can reach the party in less than a week.

The river teems with alligators. Food supplies are running low.

It is 22 days since they set out on their search, led by Theodore Waldeck, the explorer. The other members of the expedition are Mrs. Waldeck, William Astor Chandler, and Dr. Frederick Fox.

DISPUTED RATIONS

Some of the porters have returned to civilisation stating that they disputed with Waldeck when he started to ration the food.

Redfern, lost during a flight from the United States to Brazil, was yesterday presumed "legally dead" by a Detroit court.

His 30-year-old wife, who has spent the last ten years assisting in searches for him, now wants to remarry.

She does so despite the fact that Redfern's disappearance has always been surrounded by romantic stories which seem to indicate that he may be alive.

Jungle tribesmen tell of a white man who was taken by savage Indians to their village in a remote region of the Upper Amazon.

For many years there have been persistent rumours that this white man is "worshipped as a god because he dropped from the skies."

Waldeck's is the thirteenth expedition to attempt an investigation of these stories.

£7,500,000 WARSHIP MODELLED For Ninepence

A watch used by Captain Bligh of the Bounty during his open-boat voyage in the Southern Pacific in 1789; the camping outfit used by Scott in the Antarctic, and models of modern liners and battleships are among the hundreds of curios and relics in the Sea Roamers Exhibition opened recently at Selfridges, Oxford-street, W.

The collection, which took four months to complete and is valued at £10,000, covers every aspect of sea adventure.

A model of the £7,500,000 battleship Nelson, made from bits of broom-sticks, pencils, hairpins, meat skewers and tops of toothpaste tubes cost 9d.

Some pieces, like the Golden Cherubs, believed to be the world's oldest merchant ship figurehead, are priceless.

Man Who Claimed Bogus Millions Sent To Gaol

Robert Young, alias Victor Saville, handsome 27-year-old trickster known to the Chicago police, posed in Britain as "Lord Frederick Cambridge," with a fortune of £15,000,000 in the United States.

Now Robert Young has no fortune in the United States, and he is not the son, as he says he is, of Mr. Lamont du Pont, said to be the second richest man in America.

And loose-tongued Robert was sentenced at the London Sessions to 18 months hard labour for obtaining £50 from two men and a woman, says the *Daily Herald*.

Young, the police know, has had an adventurous career, and prison will be no new experience for him—for eight previous convictions, including one in the United States, were proved against him.

It was a fantastic story he told to Desmond Bruce Cummins, of Church Street, Kensington, from whom he obtained a "fiver."

He told how he had fled from the United States after shooting a *Negro*.

"I left with £40,000 after the Wall Street crisis in 1929," he said, "and went to Paris, where I met a man who persuaded me to join the French Foreign Legion."

He also told a story of joining the insurgent forces in Spain, where, he said, he was shot down and put in hospital for six weeks.

"Tell me, doctor..." What *is* a mother to do! Why, the scratch was so small you could hardly see it: blood-poisoning never entered my mind. After all, children can't sit still all day—though I *have* asked Freddie not to play in that shed. But, I mean, it might happen to any of us—a cut, a little scratch! Tell me, what *is* one to do?'

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday says:

The market showed signs of some buoyancy with a fair all round enquiry. Advances were registered in Banks at $1,515, Kowloon Wharves at $120, Hotels at $6.30, Cements at $14½, Watsons at $5.05, H.K. Marsmans at 5/3.

Manila quotations were a shade lower, that market being reported as slightly easier.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,515 c.d.
China Underwriters $1.40
Douglases $60
Union Waterboats $9.30
H.K. & K. Wharves $120
Providents (Old) $2.60
Providents (New) $0.50
H. & S. Hotels $6.30
Peak Trams (Old) $6½
Yaumati Ferries $25¼
China Lights (Old) $10.70
China Lights (New) $7.45
H.K. Electrics $50
Macao Electrics $10½
Cements $14½
H.K. Ropes $4½
Watsons $5.05
Entertainments $6¼
Constructions $1½
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2¼% pm.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5/3

Sellers

Providents (New) $0.65
H.K. Tramways $15¼
Peak Trams (New) $3¾
Telephones (Old) $23¼
Wm. Powell, td. $0.65

Sales

Hongkong Bank $1,510 c.d.
Union Insurance $505
Providents (Old) $2.55/60
Providents (New) $0.55/60
H. & S. Hotels $6¼
H.K. Realties $5.10/5.20
Yaumati Ferries $25.25
H.K. Eelctrics $56¼
Dairy Farms $23¼
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5/6
Antamoks Ps. 65 cts.
Atoks 28½ cts.
Baguio Gold 24 cts.
Benguet Consol 9.80 cts.
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United Paracales 56 cts.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 17.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

Traders anticipate a bullish statement on prices by the President at Friday's press conference. The market continues to hope for early action on freight rates and consideration of tax revision. The Street believes that the President's forthcoming statement on prices will greatly influence commodities. Some investment and professional buying of stocks was noted to-day. Construction awards were above those of a year ago. The market here was somewhat discouraged by the London stock market touching a new low for several years. Other unfavourable factors were consideration of the new Wage Bill and the fact that life insurance for January was lower than for any month since September 1935.

Dow Jones Averages	February
30 Industrials	124.90
20 Rails	28.71
20 Utilities	18.92
40 Bonds	91.10
11 Commodity Index	—

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 17.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
March	8.85/85	8.96/96
May	8.95/95	9.06/06
July	9.00/02	9.13/14
October	9.12/12	9.24/25
December	9.13/13	9.25/25
January	9.16/16	9.27 N
Spot		9.06

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber

March	14.84/84	14.95/95
May	15.05/08	15.12/12
July	15.18/16	15.22/26
September	15.24/27	15.34/36
December	—	15.53/53
January	—	15.59 N

Sales for day:—6,750 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	92⅞/92	94⅛/94
July	87⅞/87¾	89⅞/89⅝
Sept.	—	89⅝/89½

Wednesday's Sales: — 22,358,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	59/58¾	60⅛/60⅝
July	60⅛/60	61¾/61⅝
Sept.	—	62½/62⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May	126¼/126⅛	127¾/127½
July	—	118⅝/118⅜
October	—	98⅝/98⅝

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NOTICE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS DURING THE RACES.

I.—It is hereby notified that on the days fixed for the Annual Race Meeting at Wong-Nei-Chong (February 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th), the following Regulations under Ordinance No. 2 of 1869, will be in force:—

1. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
2. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
3. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
4. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE:—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

II.—Extra Race Meetings during the year 1938.—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road.

Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

Parking of Cars at the Race Course.

1. The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.
2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.
3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st., 22nd and 23rd February, 1938. (RACE MEETING).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

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Entries close, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 6 p.m.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

M.C.L. FLAG DAY TO-MORROW

A flag day in aid of the Ministering Children's League will be held to-morrow.

Among its obligations the League is pledged to maintain two cots in the home at Ottershaw, and a cot in the Nethersole Hospital here. Last year's funds were allocated to the Nethersole Hospital Cot, Hongkong Benevolent Society, Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Blind Home at Pokfulam, Victoria Home and Orphanage, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, C.M.S. School Fund, Garrison Ladies Help Society, Kowloon, Chinese Y.W.C.A. (Baby Clinic and Factory Girls' Club), St. John Ambulance, Little Sisters of the Poor, Canossian Orphanage, Shaukiwan, Hongkong, School for the Deaf and Dumb, a total of $8,920.

To-morrow emblems will be on sale from 8 a.m. till noon. Sellers have been asked to refrain from going into business offices.

CHINESE ARMIES MAKING SLOW GAINS

(Continued from Page 1.)

an elastic scale. The basic thesis of defence is that the soldiers assigned to this district will never leave it until the war is finished. Such a plan does not mean that certain places will be defended to the last man, but that the soldiers will leave the positions they are holding if they are likely to prove costly. However, they will not leave the district and will continually circulate through these provinces.

They will mass where it is feasible and scatter when it is necessary, attacking the flanks and rear of the enemy, but not abandoning frontal warfare altogether.

Ready To Strike and Retreat

As an example, if the Chinese fight and are forced to retreat from northern Anhwei, they will move into southern Shantung. If they are pounded back in eastern Shantung, they will move into western Shantung, or Kiangsu, or Anhwei. The strength of this thesis lies in the fact that the Japanese forces are not believed to be numerous enough to cover the whole district and drive out the defenders.

The Chinese believe that the Japanese may be able to capture Hsuchow. But they declare they will never be able to consolidate effectively the two ends of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line. The weakness is not likely to be in Japanese armaments, but the human element. Leaders and soldiers alike appear to be confident.

Preserve No Base

General Li Chung-jen's chief of staff told me that the difference between this strategy and that practised by the Eighth "Red" Route Army, lies in the fact that the latter holds no district as a base, but keeps moving constantly.

When I pointed out that the Eighth Army holds the Taihsin mountain district he expressed the belief that if the Japanese sent a large force against them there the Eighth Army would move west.

This new strategy is not guerilla warfare. It has all the elements of frontal fighting, flanking and defence movements, and mobile attacking units as well as guerilla troops are included in the scheme.—*United Press.*

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"It Happened in Hollywood" (King's Theatre, to-day).—All the triumphs of a star when he is "tops" and all the heartaches when he begins to slip. This is a genuine story of Hollywood, showing a star of silent Westerns (Richard Dix) losing out when the talkies come in, and his fight to keep his standing. Fay Wray appears in support.

"Slim" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—The work and loves of high-tension wire men. Henry Fonda, Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay have the leading roles.

"Night Club Scandal" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—John Barrymore, former idol of the screen, back in an unusual role. Others in the cast are Lynne Overman, Charles Bickford and Evelyn Brent.

"Charlie Chan at the Circus" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Another one of the famous series, with Warner Oland as the famous Oriental crime-solver.

"After The Thin Man" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A sequel to the film which established William Powell and Myrna Loy as a combination. It is perhaps not as good as the original, as only to be expected, but it is good enough to satisfy most fans. Asta, the dog, is cuter than ever.

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Foreigners To Help Make China Healthy

Hankow, Feb. 18.

Health experts commissioned to visit China by the health section of the League of Nations, in accordance with a resolution of the Assembly last October, arrived at Hankow yesterday. The aim of the mission is to cope, in co-operation with the Chinese health administration, with the outbreak of epidemics as a result of the present hostilities.

Members of the mission are M. Wingeller, and M. Etter, Swiss, Herr Relaiteir, a German, Herr Jettmar, an Austrian, and Mr. R. U. M. Robertson, a Briton. The group is visiting shortly Hupeh, Hunan, Honan, Shansi, Szechuen and Kiangsi, where it is organising epidemic prevention work under the direction of the Chinese health administration.

The Chinese Foreign Office has instructed local authorities to give the mission every facility necessary to aid its work.—*Reuter.*

BIG GOLD RUSH IN LONDON

VOLUME OF TURNOVER IN MARKET HIGH

London, Feb. 17.

Gold valued at over £1,000,000 changed hands at to-day's fixing for the first time since last November. London bullion circles are not surprised by the volume of turnover, pointing out that it is merely a reflection of the recent weakness of the dollar and to a lesser extent the franc. Some comment, however, has been aroused by the attitude of the Exchange Equalisation Account which supplied the bulk of the metal required.

In this connection it is interesting to note that bidding for gold this morning began at 139/9 and then 139/9½, but it was only at 139/10 that the authorities turned on the tap and met the demand fully. These tactics have given rise to the belief in some quarters that the authorities at present ignore the high premium on the London price of gold over American parity.

Owing to the fact that the authorities have at their disposal the whole of the South African output, together with occasional shipments of Russian gold, it is believed that even if the London price were to reach the level at which shipments from New York are profitable, it is possible that such shipments would not materialise and the present attitude of the British authorities would appear to be, "We have plenty of gold, but if you want it you must pay for it."—*Reuter.*

FENGCHIU REPORTED RETAKEN

Chengchow, Feb. 18.

Fengchiu, important town on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, only 18 miles from Kaifeng, has been recovered by Chinese forces, reports received here indicate.

The recapture of the town frustrated the Japanese flanking movement on the right side of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, which apparently aimed at capturing Kaifeng and cutting communications on the Lunghai Railway.

On the railway line the Chinese are throwing their full weight to halt the rapid Japanese advance at Hsinhsiang, 40 miles north of Chengchow, where bitter fighting is now raging, whilst on the left side of the railway the Chinese and Japanese are locked in a grim struggle on the high-levelled ground north-east of Hweihsien.

Continuing to harass the Japanese rear, Chinese guerilla units are reported to have recaptured the railway station outside the south city gate of Paoting, thus disrupting Japanese communications on the Peiping-Hankow Railway. In an attempt to eliminate the guerilla menace around Paoting the Japanese military command has dispatched 300 carloads of reinforcements from Peiping and Tientsin to the Hopei provincial capital. Fighting is now in progress in the suburbs.

Meanwhile, Wantu, Tingshien, Hsinlo, Mancheng, Hsintang and Wuchi, towns along the Peiping-Hankow Railway which have recently been recaptured by Chinese guerilla units are still in Chinese hands.—*Central News.*

GIVEN HIGH POST IN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

London, Feb. 17.

Sir John Gilmour, M.P. for Glasgow, has been appointed High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits	Bangalore	February 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutsang	February 18.
Amoy and Swatow	Luchow	February 18.
Japan	Titan	February 18.
Haiphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 19.
Swatow	Nanning	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	February 19.
Japan	Delagoa Maru	February 20.
Straits	Jeypore	February 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	February 20.
Bangkok and Swatow	Yingchow	February 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th February.	**Imperial Airways Plane**	**February 21.**
Japan	Achilles	February 22.
Straits	Lycaon	February 22.
Java and Manila	Tjinegara	February 22.
Straits	Van Heutsz	February 22.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th February.	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	**February 23.**
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 29th January)	Pres. Grant	February 23.
Amoy	Santhia	February 24.
Straits	Conte Verde	February 25.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	February 25.
Japan and Formosa	Hakozaki Maru	February 25.
Japan	Kamo Maru	February 25.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	February 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Somali	February 25.
Shanghai	Glenapp	February 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Gneisenau	February 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisang	February 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday		
Hoihow	Kwangtung	Fri., Feb. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Nanchang	Fri., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Fri., Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C., Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Fri., Feb. 18. **K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. **G.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 6 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th March.	Carthage	Fri., Feb. 18. **G.P.O. & K.P.O.** Parcels, Feb. 18, 5.00 p.m. Reg., Feb. 19, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.15 a.m.
Tientsin	Tingsang	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th February	Carthage	Sat., Feb. 19. **G.P.O. & K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 10.00 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Sat., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg.	Fulda	Sat., Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 6th March.	Pres. Doumer	Sat., Feb. 19. **G.P.O. and K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 19, 4 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Saigon, *Ceylon, *India, *E. and *S. Africa, *Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 19th March.	Pres. Doumer	Sat., Feb. 19. Reg., Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th March.	Victoria	Sat., Feb. 19. **G. P. O. and K. P. O.** Reg., Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th February	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 19. **G.P.O. and K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 27th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 19. **G.P.O. and K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.
Sunday		
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Luchow	Sun., Feb. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Tuesday		
Swatow and Foochow	Yochow	Tues., Feb. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Tues., Feb. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Nanning	Tues., Feb. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	Tues., Feb. 22, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues., Feb. 22, 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 12th March	Emp. of Asia	Tues., Feb. 22. Parcels, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. Reg., Feb. 22, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
*Straits and Calcutta Parcels Feb. 22, 4 p.m.	Yuensang	Tues., Feb. 22. Ord., Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
Straits, *Ceylon, *India, Aden, Egypt, and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th March and London Parcels—due London, 1st April.	Achilles	Tues., Feb. 22. **G.P.O. and K.P.O.** Parcels Feb. 22, 5 p.m. Reg., Feb. 23, 8.45 a.m. Ord., Feb. 23, 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday		
Amoy and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Wed., Feb. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Chaksang	Wed., Feb. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 3rd March. **K. P. O.** Reg., Feb. 23, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 23, 5 p.m.	**Pan-American Airways Plane**	Wed., Feb. 23. **G. P. O.** Reg., Feb. 23, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 24, 6 a.m.
Thursday		
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiungchow	Thurs., Feb. 24, 1 p.m.
Friday		
Swatow and *Shanghai	Kaying	Fri., Feb. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	Fri., Feb. 25, 9.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 17th March	President Grant	Fri., Feb. 25. Parcels, Feb. 25, Noon. Reg., Feb. 25, 1.45 p.m. Ord., Feb. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Montevideo Maru	Fri., Feb. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Feb. 25, 3.30 p.m.
*Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *East and *South Africa, *Aden, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th March	Somali	Fri., Feb. 25. Reg., Feb. 25, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 25, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th March	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Feb. 25. **G.P.O. and K.P.O.** Reg., Feb. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 25, 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 10th March	Kamo Maru	Fri., Feb. 25. Reg., Feb. 25, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 25, 5.30 p.m.

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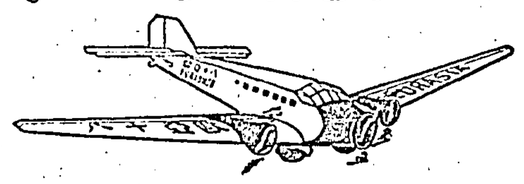

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Many Planes In Kwangtung Operations

Railways Again Under Fire

After a day of intensive aerial activities, the all-clear signal was sounded at 3.50 p.m. for the second time. Some Chinese sources allege that 40 planes, operating in groups, participated in the morning raid when points along the Canton-Hankow Railway and highways were subjected to severe bombing. Other sources state the number of planes is exaggerated.

An unused arsenal north-west of Canton was also bombed, three missiles actually landing in the compound and four close by. Five persons were killed and three wounded.

In the afternoon, 18 planes flew over the province. Eight bombs were dropped, several on the Tienho aerodrome, north-east of Tungshan, and several landed in a field. The damage was slight.

Japanese planes were sighted from time to time during the afternoon, with anti-aircraft shells bursting around them.—*Reuter.*

RAILWAYS AGAIN BOMBED

Canton, Feb. 17.

With the skies cleared, 34 Japanese planes, flying in nine groups, continued their mass bombing along the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow railways this morning. They skirted the suburbs of the city twice but were repulsed by anti-aircraft guns.

The invaders dropped a number of bombs at Cheungmuktou station on the Canton-Kowloon railway, causing slight damage to the tracks.

Shortly after 9 o'clock, seven of the invading machines were sighted above the White Cloud Mountain in the northern suburb but were soon driven away by brisk Chinese anti-aircraft gunfire. They then turned to the Canton-Hankow railway and released bombs at Sunkai station, 31 kilometres north of here.

At the same time, six other planes flew over Saichuen, where they released nine bombs. Five persons are reported to have been killed, over 10 wounded and a number of houses demolished.

Bocca Tigris, Sunwui and other cities were also visited by the Japanese planes this morning, but no bombs were dropped.

It is reported that one of the Japanese machines was hit by a Chinese anti-aircraft shell, but so far this has not yet been confirmed.—*Central News.*

LEPER ASYLUM BOMBED

Canton, Feb. 16.

News has been received that on February 3 the newly erected asylum for lepers at Koylu was raided by the Japanese planes. As yet the Provincial Government, which had constructed it, had not moved in any of the lepers, but 14 attendants were killed by the 20 bombs that came down in the grounds.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

RAID ON CHANGSHA

Changsha, Feb. 17.

Changsha, capital of Hunan, was raided by eight planes to-day.

As soon as the raiders reached the city, Chinese anti-aircraft guns concentrated on them and a squadron of Chinese pursuit planes, which had climbed above the clouds prior to their arrival, swooped down to engage them.

The invading planes hurriedly flew way after having dropped over 30 bombs in the northern suburbs. The explosives, killed four people seriously injured six and demolished scores of houses.—*Central News.*

JAPANESE VERSION

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

A Japanese Navy spokesman announced that naval aircraft raided Changsha and Ichang aerodrome to-day. There were no planes aground at Changsha, but four in the air fled at the approach of the raiders and circled around some distance away, leaving the Japanese to bomb the aerodrome at will.

"This shows the low morale of the Chinese air force, he declared.—*Reuter.*

Soviet Navy Plans Keep Japan Alert

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

An Admiralty spokesman commenting on reports that Russia was expanding naval armaments at Vladivostok, said the Japanese viewed the situation with apprehension.

"At present there is no authentic information, but if Russia expands its navy at Vladivostok, we must consider that very seriously," he said.

The comments followed reiteration of the Navy's readiness to change her programme, whenever Japan was menaced. However he avoided a direct answer as to whether Japan had already started that change.

Asked whether the United States were entitled to a fleet twice the size of Japan's, since the United States must defend in two oceans, the spokesman said that on that basis Britain would be entitled to seven times as much as Japan, because of the extent of her Dominions.—*United Press.*

Delbos to Speak

Paris, Feb. 17.

The Foreign Office has instructed the French Ambassador in Berlin to request clarification of German plans and ambitions in Austria.

M. Delbos, Foreign Minister, said that on Tuesday he would speak to the Deputies explaining French policy in the light of Central European developments.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that although France regarded the Austrian situation seriously, she would act with caution and without excitement. She did not consider the Anchsluss an accomplished fact and believed that Schuschnigg might yet seek collaboration and support from the democracies.

M. Flandin, War Minister, opposing the Communist demands for intervention in Central Europe and Spain, said there would be war and France would have to be ready to have an army and air force able to support her foreign policy.—*United Press.*

AMERICAN DEFENCES

Pro-Fascist Alliance Must Be Considered

Washington, Feb. 16.

Representative Byron Scott to-day warned the Committee for Naval Affairs, that the United States in planning naval expansion must consider the possible dangers of a pro-Fascist alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan.

"If we are going to police the world, we must prepare defences against a pro-Fascist alliance on the part of those three nations," he said. "Japanese espionage is well known. Germany is spreading propaganda in South America."

Another member of the Committee said, "I think you exaggerate the possibility of such action on the part of those nations which have their hands full."

Representative Scott replied, "I do not think we can fear too much the illogical and unreasonable actions of Hitler, Mussolini and the Mikado."—*United Press.*

Alliance With Britain

Washington, Feb. 16.

Replying to a question by Representative Michael Stack, Democrat of Pennsylvania, as to whether he thought the United States was heading towards an alliance with Great Britain, Representative Hamilton Fish replied: "If it is put on the basis of a definite written agreement, the answer is 'no,' but if it is on the basis that we are now holding daily intercourse with the highest authorities in Britain for parallel action, which means concerted action, the answer is 'yes.' That is why I am fearful that Navy expansion means parallel action in policing the world."

Meanwhile Congressional critics have charged the Navy Department with having created a war scare, and have demanded that President Roosevelt clarify his foreign policy.

Representative Frank Kniffin, Democrat of Ohio, introduced a proposal to amend the Navy Bill to define the "frontier," in order to prevent the Navy from conducting hostile operations in the Pacific beyond the 180th meridian and in the Atlantic beyond the 60th. meridian.

Senator David Walsh, Democrat of Massachusetts, denounced the propaganda intended to "create an attitude of suspicion and distrust between Japan and the United States."

"American people sincerely desire peace among all nations," he declared.

He said that the Naval programme bears "no relationship to any aggressive plans on the part of the United States."

The 5-5-3 ratio was the best means of preserving peace, he asserted.

"In the event of war, the American Government must be able to protect the shipping of strategic war materials. It is found that only in the Orient this trade route must be kept open if we are to maintain our present industrial civilisation."—*United Press.*

Flight of Bombers

Miami, Feb. 17.

At 12.55 a.m. to-day the Army bombers started for Lima and at 2.09 a.m. the War Department stated that one of the bombers was flying over Santo Domingo on the north coast of Cuba, and was averaging 180 miles an hour.—*United Press.*

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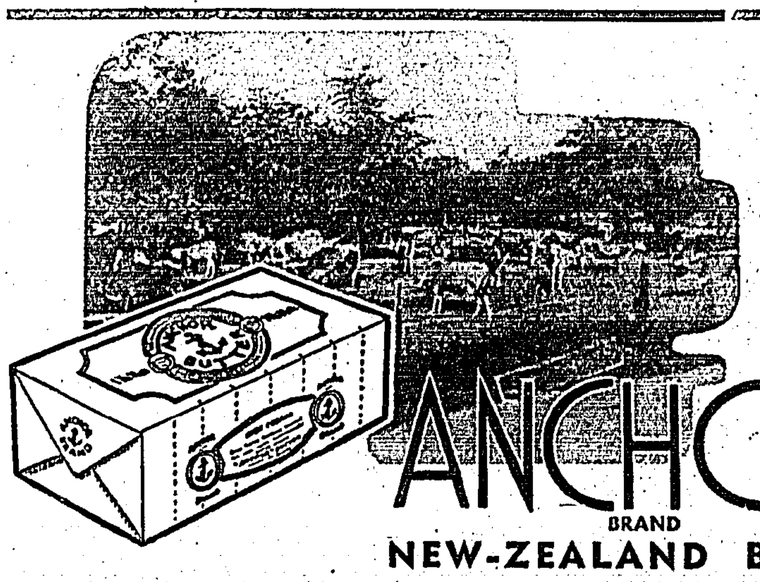

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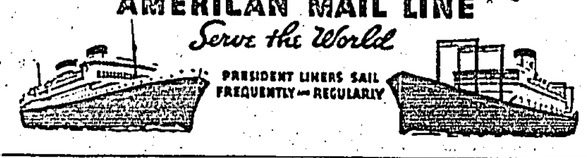

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ITALIAN FINGERS IN ARAB PIE

The Arab and Egyptian do not see eye to eye about Mussolini.

Actually, of course, the Egyptian is by race an Arab but his political outlook is essentially different. This essential difference is due to the fact that the Egyptian has got what he wants—independence—and the Arab in Palestine, for instance, has not.

So the Egyptian's desire in foreign affairs is to hold what he has got. Mussolini's wireless propaganda falls on deaf and indeed suspicious ears. The Egyptian does not like the massing of troops on the Libyan frontier and events in Abyssinia are too recent to be forgotten. Consequently Great Britain, as a powerful ally who is as interested as Egypt herself in maintaining the *status quo*, is increasing in popularity while Italian stock is at a discount.

"The situation is quite other in Palestine," says Hebe Spaull, noted League of Nations political expert. "The struggle between Jew and Arab in Palestine—due to no racial antagonism but solely to a conflict of political aims—is precisely the kind of troubled water in which Fascist Italy knows well how to fish. The intense political passions of the moment prevent the Arab from taking an objective view of the profferred friendship of Italy, and attacks on Great Britain as the Power who is responsible for the present regime find a ready echo from the Arab. That Italy has no interest in liberating subject peoples from an Imperial yoke may be obvious to almost everybody; but the Arab is an easy victim at the moment."

Great Britain did a wise thing in giving Egypt her independence when she did. She gained a good friend and the League of Nations a loyal Member at a time when added strength was needed. Unfortunately the problem of Palestine is much more complicated and difficult of solution. If the problem *can* be solved in a way that will be just to the Jews and give reasonable satisfaction to the Arabs it should do a great deal to bring stability both to the Near East and the Mediterranean.

Child's Death A Mystery

The mystery of the death of a small girl, Lam Yuet, who was brought dead to a hospital with injuries which indicated that she had been punched occupied the attention of Mr. Barnett and a jury at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Barnett remarked that the jury would probably find it impossible to come to a verdict as there was a lack of sufficient evidence.

The girl, he said, was brought dead to the Kwong Wah Hospital on January 9, by a woman who said she was her mother. Giving a false name and address she said the child had died of fever but it was found that she had a fractured skull.

Dr. J. M. Gray, who performed a post mortem declared that the girl had a very marked blackening of the left eye, the bruise extended to the left temple. She appeared to have been punched.

There was much intra-cranial haemorrhage around the left frontal region above the eye and a distinct fracture. There was slight evidence of enteritis and pulmonary tuberculosis and in his opinion, she had been a weakly child.

The cause of death was fracture of the skull, haemorrhage and shock.

The hearing was adjourned to March 3.

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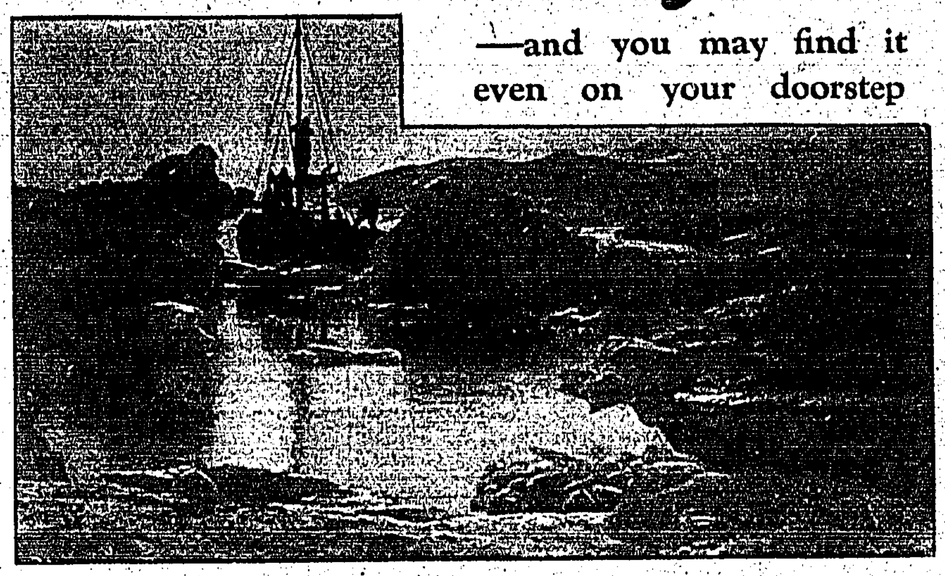

In the Antarctic, but it might be almost anywhere!

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I was speaking, the other day, to Dr. H. R. Mill, the famous geographer, a living encyclopædia of world-exploration, especially of the Antarctic. But, within sight of his own birthplace—Thurso, in the far north of Scotland—there is an island which has never been explored. It is a "Shiva's Temple" on our own doorstep.

"I don't believe that the foot of man has ever trodden on Clett," he said, "although it is within a stone's throw of Holburn Head. Its precipitous sides defy climbers, and the only way to land would be to drop from an aeroplane or a balloon. There is not likely to be anything spectacular there, but there is life—in the form of vegetation, at least.

"Then there is the Old Man of Hoy, off the Orkneys . . ."

OUT in the Atlantic, beyond St. Kilda, and about a hundred miles from the coast of Scotland, is Rockall, "the Island-that-Hates-to-be-Visited." Many expeditions have tried to land there—Dr. Mill once borrowed a gun-boat to attempt it—but have been driven off by the breakers.

If those are too near home for our modern adventurers, the Unknown World has plenty of other places to offer them.

There is the Matto Grosso, the Central Plateau of Brazil, about which less is known than about any area of equal size in the world. Vast tracts of jungle keep the secrets of its strange and dangerous tribes and of its animal life.

COLONEL FAWCETT, his son, and Raleigh Rimmel, both in their early twenties, perished there in the summer of 1925. Or did they? That is one of the great question marks in the history of exploration.

Colonel Fawcett was in search of a "Lost World." It is an area about which imagination could, and can still, run riot, unchallenged—White Indians, prehistoric monsters, incalculable treasure, ruined cities and forgotten civilisations.

Fawcett believed in the cities.

In a territory of hidden, hostile Indian tribes, his guides deserted him. He and his young companions went on, and, almost certainly, perished in an ambush.

But legends are begotten of such mysteries, and a trapper named Rattin brought back news of a tall white man with a long beard dressed in skins . . . Fawcett?

Twelve years have passed. The quest of "The White God" of the Indians will tempt future expeditions into the treacherous Matto Grosso in the wake of Colonel Fawcett.

In the jungles of Central and South America are the relics of the Aztec and Inca civilisations—maybe even Eldorado, which dangled its golden lure before the Spanish Conquistadors and before adventurers ever since.

British Guiana, although it is part of the Empire, has not yet been fully explored. Aeroplane surveys are revealing the secrets of its hinterland, but only desperate "foot-slogging" will ever wrest from it the secrets of its birds and animal life, hints of which were brought back, by a recent expedition, in the form of golden frogs.

ON the frontiers of Bolivia and Peru lies Lake Titicaca, the highest lake in the world, 12,500 feet above sea-level. Here legend (as usual) has it that the Incas dumped £50,000,000 (the odd half-pennies don't matter) into it to save it from the Spanish invaders.

But that is not what the British scientific expedition—sponsored by Professor J. S. Gardiner, of Cambridge, the Percy Sladen Trustees, the Royal Society and the British Museum—is seeking there. They went to find how certain sea-water fish and sea-level animals found their way to Titicaca, and to see whether, by any means, the mineral resources—copper, silver and lead—might be developed.

IN the Gobi Desert, vast, desolate, dangerous, with extremes of cold more severe than the Poles, mysteries still remain to tempt men and women to desperate adventures. It holds in its fossils and bone remains the secrets of primæval life and of prehistoric animals.

Tibet, still a Forbidden Land, although the priestly lamas, today, may listen-in on radio sets, beckons persistently to explorers, tempting them to furtive expeditions in search of flowers that may one day grace a suburban rockery, and in search of strange lore and strange customs.

Western China is a land of mystery, and the Chinese would like to keep it so until their own explorers can chart it and reveal its secrets. But the "Shangri-la," the happy valley of "Lost Horizon," may not be merely the fancy of James Hilton or of the Hollywood film-makers.

Great valleys; locked by mountains that daunt the most adventurous, lie on the frontiers of China and Tibet—valleys that our civilisation cannot touch, but whose own, for all we know, may be superior, in sanity, to ours.

WHERE Burma joins with India there are mountains and valleys which have defied the white man. Jim Matthews, who, with his comrade Hook, attempted a flight to Australia and crashed in the Burmese jungle, described to me vast mountain-locked valleys over which they passed, inaccessible to the outer world, even to airmen, who could never find a landing ground.

Arctic Canada and the glaciers of the Rockies offer endless possibilities; and Antarctica, grave of Scott and his companions, the death-lure of Shackleton, the desperate dream of all great explorers, may be part of the Lost Continent of Gondwanaland, which once filled the Indian Ocean and linked Africa, Asia and Australia. Beneath its ice-cap almost certainly lie vast mineral resources.

One day, I predict, Man will inhabit that Continent, create there vast subterranean cities and tap its wealth.

Before then The White Unknown must be fully explored.

There is work in plenty for generations of explorers.

THE "VERY IDEA"

This Is How We Whipped Those Corinthians

By Eddie Kelly, Full Back

WE have always dodged the lime-light as much as possible.

We ourself are as modest as a Mexican parrot and avoid publicity like Madame Chiang Kai-shek and/or the smallpox epidemic.

But we feel that we must tell you of the splendid game we and our grandfather played against the Corinthians prior to their first game in Hongkong next Saturday.

P. B. Clark, the Corinthians captain, knowing our capabilities on the field, didn't want us to play, but at last grudgingly consented.

Our grandfather insisted on a third man in the team.

"Otherwise," he said, "who is going to bring on the drinks?"

"They are 11 to our two," we replied. "Let them bring on the drinks."

"Not on your life," said the old man. So we made Bill Pryde third man.

We stunned C. Longman, their goalie, with our first ball, which we shot into the goal so swiftly that the wind blew the matting off the grand stand.

Clark came at us pretty niftily at times, but we had a few dud ten cent pieces which we were able to scatter around the field fairly indiscriminately. Yes, he comes from Scotland.

We headed beautifully from Wright, who sent us up an easy one at silly mid-on, just near the three-quarter line.

After that they seemed to lose their morale, and in no time we had them out for 40-love.

We will not go into vainglorious details about the magnificent display we made in the second half. Suffice it to say that the Committee of the Football Association came to us in a body and asked us not to knock the visitors about too much, as they had to play three games against Hongkong later in the week.

"Listen," they said, "it's bad enough you belting these poor lads. But don't go knocking the balls about so much. You've already punctured eight of them. Go easy."

After that we contented ourself with lobbing them into the net three or four times every minute. Our grandfather just sat down on the side-lines, nibbling the oranges. He wasn't necessary.

SCORES

Corinthians	Nil
Kelly Team	126.

No wonder the chaps are not looking forward to playing against Hongkong to-morrow. They're thoroughly cowed.

We were a bit cowed ourself when we went home.

It goes like this——

"Can't you learn to wipe your feet when you come inside. Why must you wear those filthy football things" and so on.

And we say: "Well, I think I'll take a bath. I'm feeling a bit grubby."

"You can't have a bath."

"Why can't I?"

"The amah's in there!"

"Oh, well, I think I'll stroll down to the Peninsula."

Home! Bah!

"Come on, pup!"

IS 4 P.M. YOUR DANGER HOUR?

Well, Professor Hans von Hentig May Think So, But—

Is four o'clock in the afternoon the "danger hour" for family crises and major catastrophes?

In the opinion of Professor Hans von Hentig, former Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology at the University of Bonn, people tend to become more nervous and irritable at that hour than any other.

Speaking at the American Sociological Society's convention at Atlantic City, he said:

"No revolution ever started in the early morning or at noon. They have all started about 4 p.m.

"The same time of day produces the largest crop of family catastrophes, divorces, broken engagements and momentous political decisions.

"Perhaps the experience of such a danger period has introduced the cocktail hour into our social technique to lead us across the slippery ice of our psychic instability."

No evidence in support of the professor's assertion could be discovered recently.

IN REVOLUTION LAND

Portugal, a country that has specialised in revolutions in recent years, has always selected late at night or early in the morning. The proclamation of the Republic and overthrow of the House of Braganza in 1910 was at night. The attempted revolution in 1921 was at dawn. Another attempt in 1927 was in the early morning, and yet another in 1931 was at the same time.

The Fascist march on Rome started in the evening and finished in the morning. The Hitler outbreak in November, 1923, was in the evening. The attempted Nazi revolution in Austria and murder of Dollfuss were at about midday. King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia were assassinated in 1903 in the small hours of the morning. President Lincoln was shot in the evening.

The *News Chronicle* Library was, indeed, at a loss to trace any big historical event that happened at four in the afternoon.

Psychologists were equally at a loss to produce any evidence that four o'clock is the domestic danger hour.

Professor Philpot, of University College, London, and Recorder of the Psychology Section of the British Association, thought round about breakfast the most dangerous time.

"My C.O. in France," he said, wasn't considered fit to be faced till after lunch. The best time was after dinner. Certainly, I wouldn't care to ask anyone a favour at breakfast time."

Individuals varied, he added, but he was confident there was nothing in Professor Hentig's four o'clock theory.

Another psychologist, who practises in Harley Street thought that between eight and nine in the morning, preferably Monday morning, was the most probable "danger hour."

EVEN THE POETS DIFFER

Even the poets, usually the best judges in a matter of this kind, differ here:

Said Shakespeare of the midnight hour:

'Tis now the very witching time of night
When churchyards yawn and hell itself breathes out
Contagion to this world.

—Hamlet, Act. III., Sc. 2.

J. R. Lowell, however, did not agree, but sang:

O wild and wondrous midnight,
There is a might in thee
To make the charmed body
Almost like spirit be,
And give it some faint glimpses
Of immortality

THE SUMMING-UP

And of all the hours of the day, here's a summing-up by the Bard of Avon:

And so from hour to hour we ripe and ripe,
And then from hour to hour we rot and rot,
And thereby hangs a tale.

But of four o'clock in the afternoon the poets have no comments to make.

EMPIRE NEWS

ASSAM ASSEMBLY AND COMMISSIONERS

Calcutta, Wednesday.

An interesting situation which is being exaggerated into a constitutional crisis has arisen in Assam as a result of the abolition by the Assembly of the posts of Commissioners who are the senior Indian Civil Service officials. The Assembly refuses to vote three months' expenses for the Commissioners' establishment.

The Governor of Assam, Sir Robert Reid, conveyed a message to the Assembly that the Commissioners were protected under the India Act. He desired the Premier to present a demand for £1,125, the cost of the establishment for three months, and to postpone abolition of the posts until the end of March.

The Premier, Sir Mohammed Saadullah, declared that he disagreed with the Governor and declined to present the motion for the grant in the Assembly.

It is expected that the grant will be eventually sanctioned under the Governor's special powers. The only question is one of prestige.

Rent Arrears.—The Congress Government of the United Provinces has distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets appealing to peasants to pay arrears of rent, hitherto withheld. Otherwise the Provinces will be bankrupt. The only alternatives are coercive measure or the resignation of the Government.

Moslems Beat Congress.—The Moslem League has won the rubber in the by-election contest in the United Provinces, defeating the Congress party by four seats to one.—Reuter.

South Africa.

BANNED BOOK

Cape Town, Wednesday.

The fate of 2,000 copies of "Turning Wheels," banned by the Minister of the Interior, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, and now held by the Cape Town Customs, is as yet unknown. The Commissioner of Customs at Pretoria will decide whether the books shall be returned to the publishers or destroyed.

London Commissioner.—Mr. t e Water denies a report that he is considering relinquishing the position of Union High Commissioner in London before the end of his period of office towards the end of 1939. It is known, however, that both political parties have approached him to re-enter politics.

Wild Flowers Laws.—The Cape's experimental legislation designed to put an end to the wholesale destruction of wild flowers comes into operation on Jan. 1. All hawking or peddling of wild flowers will be prohibited, also the plucking of flowers within 50 yards of a road by motorists.

Trade Pact With France.—The preliminary trade agreement between the Union and France has been prolonged until March 31, 1938. It is expected that subsequently the Union will conclude a new agreement with France and, also with other countries when the trade pact position of the United States and Britain is settled.—Reuter.

New Zealand

EXPANDING TRADE

Wellington, Wednesday.

The expansion in New Zealand's foreign trade is again shown in the figures for the eleven months, January to November, this year.

Exports amounted to £62,200,000, New Zealand currency, compared with £52,431,000 for the same period last year, and imports to £51,552,000, as against £39,842,000. The favourable balance was thus £10,744,000, compared with £12,589,000 for January to November last year.—Reuter.

WAR RIBBONS BANNED

Johannesburg.

South African railwaymen are indignant at an order of the Railways Administration forbidding those of them who are ex-service men to wear their medal ribbons on duty. They describe the order as "an attempt to belittle their war honours."

King Zog, Moslem monarch of Albania, watches a review of his army near the capital of Tirana. The event was the celebration of the nation's 25th year of independence. Two years ago the bachelor King looked around for an American girl with $1,000,000 for queen of his Balkan kingdom.

BACHELOR'S SCORN FOR GOOD-TIME GIRLS

"MUCH-PAWED-OVER remnants from the bargain basement," was how "good-time girls" were described recently.

Mr. J. A. F. Nolan (Liverpool)—a young bachelor—speaking at the Federation of University Conservative and Unionist Associations Conference at Oxford, said:

"I consider that the modern young person, and especially the modern young lady who has made pleasure her god and its pursuit her religion, is doing a very grave disservice to the future of mankind.

"You can hardly expect the average decent young bachelor to pay much attention to people who have elevated the phrase 'having a good time' into their whole philosophy of life, and you cannot expect the average young man when he reaches marriageable age and financial standing to take a great deal of interest in some of these much-pawed over remnants from the bargain basement.

"Quite apart from that we have in this country at present a surplus population of females. If the number of ladies in this country who could not possibly hope to have husbands were to march past Carfax (cross roads at Oxford) it would take them four days and four nights to do so. That is in single file with a space of two feet for each person." (Laughter).

Mr. Nolan was moving a resolution, which was adopted, viewing with concern the declining birth rate.

TEACHERS OBJECT TO MARRIAGE BAN

A resolution calling upon the Government and local authorities to remove the ban on the employment of married women teachers, wherever it exists, was passed by the National Union of Women Teachers' conference at Swansea recently.

The resolution declared that the practice of dismissing women teachers on account of marriage is "a grave infringement of the rights of women and is one that should not be tolerated in a democratic country."

Miss M. Pearson, of Tottenham, said that the world is still blind to the fact that 'a woman' is a person. As soon as she is married she is looked upon as a dependent or an adjunct of man.

Miss D. A. Griffin, of London, said: "If a woman wants to be an M.P. she is applauded, and if she is a film star the more she is married the better off she will be, but if she wants to be a Civil Servant, a health visitor or a teacher—professions well suited to women—she must eschew marriage.

"We should not allow grandfatherly legislators to say what married women are or are not to do."

Next year's conference will be at Eastbourne.

WHEN INTELLIGENCE CEASES TO GROW

Professor Olive Wheeler, addressing the conference of Educational Associations in London, said the general consensus of psychological opinion to-day supports the view that the average age at which the growth of intelligence ceases is probably about 16, though in some cases development may continue to 17, or even 18.

Whatever level of intelligence we then manage to reach we shall probably maintain for the whole of life.

SOVIET CINEMA CHIEF REMOVED

"HORRIBLE" FILM OF "TREASURE ISLAND"

GIRL HEROINE WHO DRINKS RUM

Moscow.

Boris Shumiatsky, supreme chief of the Soviet film industry, who is well known in Britain and America, has been dismissed.

He has been charged with building himself a luxurious country house, costing a quarter of a million roubles, equivalent to a year's average wages of more than 900 Soviet workers, wasting fabulous sums on similar luxuries for his friends, and, worst of all, falling far behind in the output plan for films.

The last straw was his version of Stevenson's "Treasure Island," now showing, in which a disastrously clumsy attempt was made to please the popular taste and at the same time to satisfy the "Party line."

Shumiatsky turned Stevenson's boy hero, Jim Hawkins, into "cabin girl," Jenny Hawkins, who drinks rum by the beaker-full with the pirates, dances "most loosely," and finally has an affair with Dr. Livesey.

"HORRIBLE EXAMPLE"

The pirates are, moreover, featured as living a much too free and happy life, drinking deep, singing loud, throwing dice, and at the same time strictly applying their own "harsh laws," which include the "issuing of warrants" for each other's liquidation most cold-heartedly."

"What a horrible example for Soviet children, queue-ing up for this film," exclaims the official organ, *Soviet Art*, from which I quote these charges.

Shumiatsky's position was worsened by the way in which he dragged into this "bourgeois" story the Irish revolution of 1798. For the opening, there is the caption, "Revolution storms over Ireland," and then the film launches a treasure hunt to find the funds of the Irish rebels—as if the Irish revolutionaries could possibly associate with such "criminal elements."

"Why didn't Shumiatsky read Marx's letter to Engels on Dec. 10, 1869, explaining the Irish movement as really a class war against Pitt's infamous policy?" asks *Soviet Art*.

SOUTH AFRICA

WOOL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Cape Town.

The South African Wool Council's national campaign, involving the expenditure of £10,000, to foster the use of woollen goods in all seasons, begins early in 1938.

There will be a broadcast talk by the Governor-General, followed by an intensive Press publicity campaign.

Butter Shortage Ends.—The coming of the rains has ended the butter shortage in the Union. Production during the week ending December 10 was over 500,000lb. which is 64,000lb more than the figures for the previous week.

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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30. Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Beautiful Italy (Operetta 'Paganini —Lehar-Herbert); Girls Were Made To Love And Kiss (Operetta 'Paganini—Lehar-Herbert); The Old Tree (Diana Napier-Tauber).

12.40 J. H. Squire Celesto Octet.

Operatica (Famous Operatic Melodies—arr. J. H. Squire); Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Willoughby); Spring Song (Mendelssohn, arr. Willoughby); Phantom Minuet (Hope).

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

Yvonne (Horatio Nicholls); Trouble In Paradise (Wever, Ager and Schwartz); Maruschka (De Leur); Cuban Serenade (G. Midgley); The Land Of Smiles—Patiently Smiling (Lehar)—You are my Heart's Delight (Lehar); Soliloquy (Alon Murray); Gipsy Melody (Nelson and Knight); Illusions (Zigeuner Romance No. 4 —Jacob Gade).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather and Announcements.

1.40. Hawaiian Music.

South Sea Island Medley....The Twilight Serenaders; Liliu E (Kaulia)....Lizzie Alohikea) with Royal Beautiful Woman (Kahale)....William Ewaliko) Hawaiian Glee Club.; A Little Rendezvous In Honolulu—Hawaiian Fox-Trot; Honolulu Stars And Hawaiian Guitars—Hawaiian Fox-Trot....Roy Smeck and His Hawaiian Serenaders; Tropical Hulas ....South Sea Islanders.

2.00 Dance Records.

Swing Step—Don't Count Your Chickens; Slow Fox-Trot—House Beautiful....Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Tangos—Madrecita De Pompeya; Mi Musa Campera (film 'Boliche')....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trot—How Could You? (film 'San Quentin')...Eddie Carroll and The Casani Club Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Variety and Dance Music.

Stompin' At The Savoy (Goodman, Webb, Sampson); Swing, Mister Charlie (Robinson, Taylor, Brooks) ....Judy Garland (13 years old—Vocal); Big Chief De Soto—Novelty Fox-Trot; Cross Patch—Fox-Trot....Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; There's No One With Endurance (Crumit, Curtis); Whoa, Josephine (Crumit, Burt)....Frank Crumit (Tenor); When The Sun Says 'Goodnight' To The Mountain—Fox-Trot; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs —Fox-Trot (film 'Cain and Mabel') ....Roy Fox and His Orchestra; I Heard (Don Reman); St. Louis Blues (W. C. Handy)....The Four Crotchets (Vocal Quartette) with Guitar; My Heart's In Old Killarney —Waltz....George Elliott and His Sweet Music Makers.

7.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.40 London Relay—Food for Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.02 Studio—Concert by Eva Turner (Soprano), and Elsbeth Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) accompanied by A. T. Lay.

1. Duet:—Gruss (Mendelssohn); 2. Soprano: Der Schmied, Standchen, Vergebliches Standchen, (Brahms); 3. Duet: Aller Berge Gipfel (Rubenstein); 4. Mezza-Soprano: Regenlied (Joseph Marx); Schlummerlied (Hans Hermann); 5. Duet: Uber's Jahr (Bohm).

8.23 Orchestral.

Don Juan—Symphnoic Poem, Op. 20 (Strauss)....Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.31 Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent —28th series of opera: 'Excerpts from Wagner's' Die Meistersinger' Acts I and II.'

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Violin Solos.

Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate); Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade, arr. Kreisler)....Alfredo Campoli with Piano Accomp.; Hungarian Dance No. 1 (Brahms-Joachim)....Grisha Goluboff with Piano accompaniment by Ivor Newton; Extase—Reverie (Ganne)....Albert Sandler assisted by J. Samchtini (Cello) and J. Byfield (Piano).

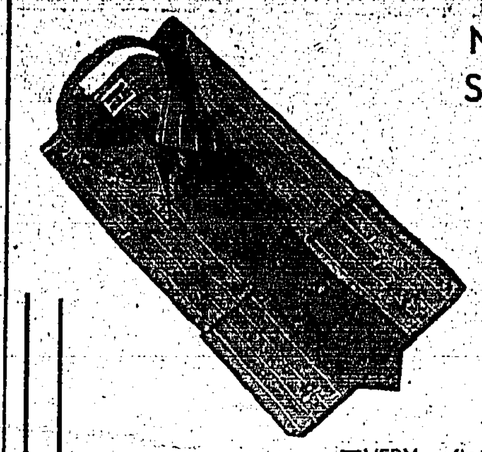
10.03 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

'The Yeomen of the Guard' A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid:.... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson and Nellie Briercliffe; When A Wooer Goes A Wooing....Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture!....D. Gill and P. Dawson; Comes The Pretty Young Bride....Full Company; Leonard, My Loved One....Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.

10.20 Variety and Dance Programme.

Vocal—Famous Ballads By Frederick Weatherley....Dennis Noble (Baritone); Cymbalum and Orchestra—Waltz No. 1 In E Flat (Durand); Red Rose....Cymbalum Solo by Elec Racz with Piano; Rakoczy March.... Colombo's Tziganes; Piano—The King's Horses (Gay and Graham); Medley Of Marches....Italo Da Costa; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley....Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano); Dance Orchestra—No Greater Love—Fox-Trot; Lost—Fox-Trot ....Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians; Orchestra—Great Day—Selection (Rose, Kilscu and Youmans)....Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Dance Orchestra —Girls Were Made To Love and Kiss —Quickstep; Love, Live For Ever—Waltz (both from Operetta 'Paganini')....Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.



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ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL COMMENCES TO-MORROW

DOLLAR SWEEP WILL YIELD HUGE FORTUNE

MR. ERIC MOLLER OUT TO WIN THE DERBY

(By "Captain Foster")

The Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be staged to-morrow, when at 11 a.m., the first saddling bell will be chimed to indicate the opening of our 1938 racing season. After a lapse of over two months, the "Sport of Kings" will be resumed at the Happy Valley and the Carnival will be continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and concludo on Saturday next.

The Hongkong Jockey Club will start the ball rolling this evening at the Club House, Happy Valley, when three Selling Lotteries will be conducted on the Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Rooty-Hill Derby. The cost of a chance is $5. It is open to members and their friends, and all non-members must be introduced by a member and their names entered in the Visitors' Book. The drawing starts at 6 p.m., and I am certain that there will be some brisk biddings.

It may be interesting to know that when the notice relating to the above Selling Lotteries was sent out on January 24, an addendum intimated that the number of special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby had exceeded 65,000 tickets whereas the sale, at the time of writing, is nearing 265,000. In 1936 the sale of this popular dollar sweep amounted to 164,300, but last year the Hongkong Jockey Club could not sell more than 157,150 tickets.

All the sporting celebrities will wend their way to Happy Valley tomorrow and a record attendance on Derby day is almost guaranteed owing to the unprecedented demand for the special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby.

MR. MOLLER'S AMBITION

It is the ambition of the Shanghai challenger, Mr. Eric Moller, who has a great confidence with his nomination, Silkylight to win the exclusive classic event and it will, I am sure, be a source of satisfaction to the old timer to lead in his China griffin at the head of the procession with his son, Mr. R. Moller as the jockey. The last Blue Riband captured by Shanghai was not very long ago, when Hydroplane, belonging to the well-known northern stable, Plane owned by Mr. S. C. Chang and piloted by Mr. B. Proulx, won the 1934 Hongkong Derby.

The Shanghai invasion is a strong one and the Carnival will be the richer by the presence of practically all the best Shanghai crack jockeys, namely,

Mr. C. Encarnacao	for Mr. & Mrs. Eu Tong-sen's stable,
Mr. H. Maitland	for Mr. & Mrs. L. Dunbar's lot,
Mr. F. Marshall	for the Evo's string,
Mr. R. D. Moller	for the "Cire"
Mr. V. V. Needs	for Dynasty and Mrs. Pearce,
Mr. A. Noodt	for Early Birds and Gordos,
Mr. J. Poto-Hunt	for the "Times"
Mr. A. W. Raymond	for Lancashire
Mr. Y. K. Wouh	for Tester & Abraham & others.

With such an array of leading lights from the north, the Annual Carnival will be, without any fear of contradiction, one of the best race meetings in the annals of the Hongkong Jockey Club and it is to be hoped that Mr. Clerk of the Weather will give us a little bit of the blue sky.

Owing to its sodden state, the outside track has not been used this season by the new-comers and under the circumstances I am afraid that the change from cinder to grass will affect the running of some subscription and Derby griffins—so, punters, be careful with your five dollar bills.

All the private boxes have had a good "clean up," but there is a lovely display of beautiful flowers on the lawns and the arrangement, especially in front of the Weighing Room, is really artistic.

NOT AN EASY TASK

I sincerely trust readers will appreciate that it is not an easy job to give tips, owing to the fact that practically all the ponies have two or more engagements per day at the Annual Race Meeting and, therefore, the task of ascertaining where they are going to start has always been a nasty problem for racing writers. With no help from the owners, there is no other recourse than to employ horse-sense to the best of one's knowledge.

After several weary months of "schooling" the Australian and China ponies to trotting exercises, and then breaking them to cantering and galloping movements, there is good reason to believe that all the trainers and riding boys must feel greatly relieved that the most important part of the game is over, but the success of each individual stable depends largely upon the element of luck which is no small factor in racing. It does look at times that a stable can do no wrong. Ponies win race after race with regularity but when the tide changes, there's no accounting and the steeds lose when least expected. However, it is only natural that some trainers will be disappointed with results next week while others will be celebrating.

WHO WIN THE DERBY?

What is going to win the Hongkong Derby? These few words are hanging upon the lips of every racing enthusiast and my reply is: It is between Confusion Bay, Desert Chief and Silkylight. The order named by me is not to be understood that they will cross the wire in that position, but they have only been arranged alphabetically. It is interesting to relate that the three candidates are stallions. Last year the winner (Happy Eve) and the second pony (Expansion Time) were from the opposite sex and it looks that a mare's chance of running to a place on Monday is very remote. It would give a false colouring should I attempt to suggest at this juncture that Desert Chief is now a "dead cert" for the major classic event, but, taking everything into consideration, I have no hesitation in saying that it must be a first class animal to prevent Mr. Charlie Encarnacao from repeating his success of 1929 on President Hall for the first Chinese owner, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E.

The performance of Desert Chief last Sunday over the champion course in 2.42 astounded every rail critic, for the chestnut stallion of Mr. Eu Tong-sen came home with a rattling pace of 29 seconds for the last two furlongs and the last half-a-mile was covered in 59.3/5 seconds. Then Silkylight's second trial over the Derby course last Saturday in 3.18.3/5 must also be considered, but the only drawback was that the finish was not as exhilarating in comparison with Desert Chief's test. There is a rumour that neither Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Desert Chief nor Mr. Moller's Silkylight will be seen in action to-morrow, but they shall weigh out on Monday for the endurance test over 1½ miles and it should be one of the finest races of the meeting.

There are 12 races on the first four days of the Carnival but only nine events will be contested on the fifth day.

FAVOURITE ANNOUNCED FIT AGAIN

Liberty Bay Should Win Any Time

The curtain-raiser, which will be the Foochow Cup for China ponies over 1½ miles, has attracted only seven stayers, but I am pleased to see the inclusion of Liberty Bay and Trentbridge in the list of entries. The former, belonging to Mr. L. Dunbar, was not raced during the whole of last year on account of being "dotty," but it has now been given a clean certificate of health by the Club's Veterinary surgeon and the animal is looking well. Last Saturday the unbeaten steed had a steady canter over a mile in 2.09.3/5 and the legs did not give any trouble after the gallop. Liberty Bay has also been entered for China Stakes and the New Stables Plate, but he must win wherever he starts. Mrs. Pearce's nomination had not appeared in public after running to a third place in the Ladies Purse with Mr. "Peanut" Marshall up on February 20, 1935 and although he has been certified as O.K., I am afraid the grey nag is a little backward in form. However, I figure that the field of the opening event will be on the small side and the order of the finish should be Liberty Bay, Trentbridge and Soldier of Honour.

BIG FIELD ASSURED FOR MAIDEN STAKES

We shall not be disappointed in the subsequent event, the Maiden Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this session over six furlongs, for there should be at least over a dozen starters. After having watched the training of these Derby griffins for the last few months, I made up my mind last week that Humdrum Eve should have no difficulty in providing Mr. Marshall with the first winning mount of the meeting. This chestnut gelding of the Eve stable has legs faster than a motor cycle, for he is capable of jumping off with 28 seconds for the first quarter and furthermore the aspirant is a speedy merchant over a sprint. Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Cameronian is another good "gin" for short distances, but the former is faster at the release of the tape. Advancing Time and Jober will not be a bad bet for big money.

This picture was taken on board the Aramis when the Islington Corinthians arrived in the Colony on Wednesday. Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the touring team, is seen in the centre, with P. B. Clark, the captain, looking over his shoulder. Officials of the South China A.A., hosts of the Islington Corinthians during their stay in the Colony, are also in the photo, taken by our Staff Photographer.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

Divided Into Two Sections

The Sydney Maiden Stakes over six furlongs confined to Australian Sub-griffins of this meeting will be divided into two divisions and the Stewards will determine by lot in which section the ponies will start. Attention of owners is directed to the fact that the result of the draw (which I have not as yet seen at time of writing) does not relieve them of the responsibility of declaring their ponies as starters in the usual manner on the form provided, not less than 45 minutes before the time fixed for the race. The first section will be the third event while the second sections will be contested before the running of the Trial Plate, and my final selections will appear to-morrow. It will be recalled that this year's consignment of Australian ponies came from Queensland and under the circumstances the off-springs are not yet fully known to the followers of the turf. I have come across one or two good judges of horse-flesh and they think that we have a nice batch of racers. At any rate we have not much information about the sires, the names claiming Murray River, Sea Spray, A Lovely Time, Tornado Star, Annabella and King's Privilege not being mentioned on the list provided by the Hongkong Jockey Club. I presume that the last three named must have come from a good stud-farm, for all of them have good legs and nice "streamline." It would of course be advisable for Little Audrey, who was sired by Wool Tax, to keep a sharp look out on these three maidens. Ocean Force is responsible for Bredon and Boris, the former being Mr. Proulx's mount and if Bredon does well, her brother Boris should be considered in the pari-mutuel. Pavonian is the sire of Griffel and the daughter is good for short distances. Tom McCarthy claims Lovely Day, Lucky Lad and Sea Urchin and they should be watched after the best 'uns have been barred. It is to be hoped that King's Privilege and Little Audrey will not be drawn in the same section for the latter is too good over six furlongs. Murray River is, in my opinion, a good miler.

HAPPY EVE MAY WIN SHORT RACE

Will Meet Strong Opposition

In the China Stakes for China ponies which is a sprint from the 1½ mile post, we should see a good race between our fast smashers. Bear Claw, Happy Eve, Oak Bay and Soldier of Britain for the first position in the frame and my fancy is Happy Eve. Royal Scot was a good mare in her prime (the winner of St. George's Plate and the American Cup) but, after running second to Soldier of Britain in the May Handicap on May 30, 1936, she was on the walking list for a long time. She was then sent to Tientsin where she had no racing at all in 1937 and I am of the opinion that she is not yet fit for the big meeting.

"Your Good Work Remains Behind !"

Major D. H. Steers, O.B.E., R.E., relinquished the post of Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle Association last evening at the second annual general meeting of the Association. His successor is Brevet-Major G. P. Murray, who was elected unanimously.

The enviable position held by rifle shooting in the Colony to-day can be traced directly to the untiring efforts of Major Steers, whose name will for ever be associated with the remarkable progress made by the H.K.R.A. during the last two years.

During this short space of time, Major Steers has not only placed the H.K.R.A. on a sound working basis, but has also made it into one of the biggest —if not actually the biggest— organisations in the British Empire. Only yesterday afternoon, the 900th member was enrolled.

Rifle shooting enthusiasts are fully cognisant of the work which Major Steers has done. A presentation is to be made to him before he leaves the Colony, as a token of appreciation of the Council and members of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

We can sincerely and truly say to Major Steers, "Your good work remains behind !"

SHEFFIELD UNITED BEATEN

Great Opportunity Allowed To Slip

London, Feb. 17.

Sheffield United lost a great opportunity of increasing their lead in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day when, on their own ground, they lost to Manchester United by the odd goal in three.

SECOND DIVISION

Sheffield U. 1 Manchester U. 2

—Reuter.

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES

To Be Split Up Into Two Divisions

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, over half-a-mile will also be divided into two divisions by the Stewards in the same manner as in the running of the Sydney Maiden Stakes. The result of the draw is not yet known and I cannot therefore discuss the prospects of any ponies. However the first section will be contested before lunch while the second will follow immediately after the tiffin interval, which race is fixed to be run off at 3 p.m. I have a long list of half milers but I like Bestevaer, Cricketer, Dark Hazard, Dekko, Ferrybridge, Lucky Eleven, Mongolian Cat and

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CRICKET NOTES BY "R. ABBIT"

Sensible Attitude Of The League

I am not quite sure whether I have been entirely correct in heading this article "Cricket Notes," because there is going to be uncommonly little about cricket itself in it.

As I said on Tuesday, last week was a complete wash out and now I see from a notification by the League that all League matches have been put off to-morrow as there is considerable doubt as to the fitness of the grounds for play. I welcome the definite and sensible attitude the League Committee have taken—at least I suppose it is the League Committee—in thus early issuing a definite announcement. Quite possibly it was influenced by the Weather reports which were not too hopeful 48 hours ago (this is written on Thursday afternoon) but which have been given the lie by a very welcome improvement in the weather. It is, of course, possible that the grounds would have been fit to play though this is doubtful, and they most emphatically would not have been fit to play supposing any more rain fell between now and Saturday afternoon. There is nothing more annoying than to have to hang about with all probability of a Saturday afternoon match being a wash out and yet being unable to fix up anything else in case cricket is possible at the last moment.

A FIXED POSTPONEMENT

I see it has been arranged that the games to which I referred last Friday will now be played on March 5, at all events in the Senior League. Those which normally would have been played to-morrow, Army v. Civil Service, Craigengower v. Hongkong Club, Navy v. Recrelo, and I.R.C. v. K.C.C. will be played off on March 12. This also presumably applies to the Second League matches where it can be done. The Club, the K.C.C., the Civil Service, the Recrelo, and the Navy have no games on these dates so far as I can see (I speak of the Junior Division). However, I hope to be able to straighten the whole matter out later on. It is possible there will be a few friendly games to-morrow but I do not know definitely about this.

CRICKET IN RACE WEEK

The Volunteers are, according to their usual custom, putting out a cricket team to play on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of race week, and H. Owen-Hughes will captain the side. On Monday they play against Kowloon at the K.C.C. On Tuesday they play against United Services on the Club ground, and on Wednesday on the same ground they take on the Club. For those who neither like watching the ponies run or enjoy the social amenities of a race meeting or the financial opportunities of making money on the pari will find an excellent occupation in watching these matches. I hope to include some account of them by an eye-witness if not actually by myself on Friday next.

OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN MAKES STATEMENT

Chicago, Feb. 12.

Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee, to-day made a public declaration to the effect that the feelings of Great Britain and America towards the Japanese invasion of China did not constitute a reason for cancelling the holding of the 1940 Olympics or for refusing to participate in the games. —Havas.

Don Bradman's Test Tactics Analysed

(By A Correspondent)

The startling thing about the Australian team that is to tour England this coming summer is the dearth of bowling of more than medium pace.

With the exception of McCormick, a tearaway fast bowler who must be used in short spells, there does not appear to be a man among them faster than McCabe.

One could understand a team possessing an M. A. Noble, a J.W.H.T. Douglas or a Hammond being content to take a chance and include only one fast bowler but McCabe, though perhaps the third best batsman in the world is somewhat less formidable than R.E.S. Wyatt with the new ball, and Wyatt would probably describe himself as a second eleven sort of bowler except against Yorkshire.

There is one other omission, which will fill the heart of more than one English batsman with surprise and fresh hope, and that is the dropping of Grimmett. At Manchester in 1934, on a heartbreaking wicket, when England's whole policy was to force the pace Grimmett sent down seventy-four overs for 150 runs. If Ward is preferred to him he must be a better bowler in Australian eyes than in those of most English critics.

Bowlers For The Tests

There is, of course, another side to the picture. Bradman has had a hand in choosing his team, and he should know well enough what bowling resources he needs.

For the Test matches he may expect McCormick, O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, and Ward to suffice, but if there is a doubt about the weather he can bring in White's left-arm spin —and White is a better bat than the other bowlers. He has also a good stock bowler in Waite, while the fielding of the team should be good enough to lend an edge to almost any steady bowling.

The effectiveness of an attack depends more on its quality than on its variety. Gregory and McDonald will be shudderingly remembered by the batsmen who had to face them in 1921. Grimmett and O'Reilly in 1934 needed only the addition of a little steady change bowling to complete an attack that was up to Test match standard. The question—which must remain open until the Australians have settled down—is how good are O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, McCormick, Ward, and Co. going to prove?

The calibre of the batting may be deducted from the single fact that Gregory has failed to gain his place in the side.

An Opening Pair

Fingleton and Brown suggest themselves as the opening pair, with Bradman, McCabe, Badcock and Chipperfield to follow at long intervals; and there are also Hassett and Barnes to be reckoned with. Barnes is said to be only nineteen or twenty, but he seems like a brilliant batsman in the making.

Four of Australia's eight batsmen will have to adapt themselves to the English climate and to English wickets and the probability is that one or two of them will be no more than moderately successful. The experience of several of our most promising young players in Allen's Australian tour is fresh enough in the memory to need no underlining.

Australia's team has been chosen after a season of rather drab cricket, judging from the scores and reports. Most strange of all, Bradman has been subdued. He has recently played more than one innings at a mere thirty runs an hour. Have the Australians then learned how to reduce this marvel to the level of other men, and, if so, can we copy their methods?

The one person in the country who may have positive ideas on the subject of keeping Bradman quiet, beyond the obvious one of never dropping the ball a shade short of a length, is that thoughtful student of the game, Hedley Verity. He at least should be consulted by England's next captain, and his advice earnestly pondered.

Bradman abides our question in one more respect. Will he, in 1938, prove himself the equal of Trumper and Macartney on doubtful wickets? Can he learn to live dangerously, yet not too recklessly? Let us hope at least that the coming season will put him to the test.

Confidence In Bradman

The Australian reliance on spin-bowling suggests that Bradman expects our climate to do its worst and that he is prepared to play us at our own game on rain-affected wickets.

It is to be hoped that the policy of subordinating the other matches of the tour to the Tests—a policy of which both countries have been guilty in the past—will not be further developed. A little more batting practice, just to please the crowd, is permissible enough after you are in a position to declare; but a draw forced when you have the whip hand, so far from being cricket, is not even chess.

Australia have one advantage that they have not lately enjoyed—complete confidence in their captain. There has been a certain amount of grumbling in other Australian tours, and there was sufficient discontent when Bradman was appointed captain against G. O. Allen for the sensational Press to make it into news. That became a thing of the past when Bradman carried the team on his shoulders in the later Tests of the series, and this coming tour should be quite free from bickering, barracking, or—how short are memories, I had almost forgotten it —body-line bowling.

Islington Corinthians Have Free Day

The Islington Corinthians, who are now in the Colony in the course of their world tour, are not encumbered by official functions to-day. No doubt many of them will avail themselves of the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the city.

They will commence their football programme in Hongkong to-morrow afternoon when they meet South China A.A. at Caroline Hill. The game starts at 4 p.m.

A. D. C.

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19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th February, 1938.

On **Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February,** the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On **Saturday, 26th February,** the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

KWANTI RACES

Postponed Steeplechase Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 20th February, 1938.**

Train leaves Kowloon 1.25 p.m.

First Race 2.45 p.m.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

China New Year Meeting, 20th February, 1938.

KWANTI

Owing to the rain the condition of the country precludes holding "The Australian Country Cup", Race No. 2 is accordingly cancelled; Entry money will be refunded, and in place the following race is substituted:—

No. 2—"Australian Hunters' Hurdle"—1½ miles for Australian ponies that have been entered for The Australian Country Cup. Catchweight 160 lbs. WINNER a Cup or $50; 2nd $25; 3rd $15. Post Entries. Entry Fee $3.

Dinner To Be Given To Corinthians

A dinner in honour of the Islington Corinthians, given by the Hongkong Football Association, will be held in the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday, February 24, at 8 p.m.

SCHOOL MATCH

A drawn game between Ellis Kadoorie Indian School and Ellis Kadoorie Chinese School was played yesterday.

Chinese led at half time 2-1. Both their goals were scored by Shuen Hon-chun and A. A. Tipe netted for the Indians. The equaliser came from Tipe a few minutes before time.

PEAK SCHOOL SPORTS

Owing to uncertain weather conditions, it has been decided to postpone the Peak School Sports until Wednesday, March 2, at 2.45 p.m.

RACING NOTES BY "CAPTAIN FOSTER"

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National Dignity. My final nominations will appear to-morrow.

Ponies Reserved For Big Race

Second Class Runners For Trial Plate

Figuring that Confusion Bay, Desert Chief and Silkylight will be especially reserved for the Hongkong Derby on Monday, the Trial Plate for China ponies griffins over the champion course should draw a good field of second class youngsters of this season. Either Handicap Eve or Half-Moon Eve will start here, the latter being the better animal and the mare should be well up at the finish. National Pride seems to me to be about the best of this crowd, but the real danger is Just In Time. After the running of this event, one would be in a better position to get "a clear line" on all ponies.

VALLEY STAKES RIVALRY

Success For Dutch Owner?

We now come to the long waited trial The Valley Stakes, over six furlongs for China ponies griffins of this season and the second leg of the daily double is on the main event of the day. The winner of this important classic is to receive $1,000. The probable starters and jockeys are as follows:

Pony	Jockey
Ali Baba	A. W. Raymond
Arabian Cat	H. C. Pih
Borrachito	A. Noodt
Cape Comorin	B. L. Tao
Charybdis	R. B. Moller
Cleeve	D. Prouix
Easy Time	J. Pote-Hunt
Fei Ying	F. Marshall
Final Triumph	K. S. Shu
Gobi Star	Ip Kui-ying
Golden Cow	S. C. Liang
Louis XIV	S. W. Tang
Lucky Seven	W. G. Foy
Palmer	W. H. S. Davis
Piet Hein	L. B. Chao
Planchet	V. V. Needa
Salvage Master	D. Black
Smiling Thru	C. Encarnacao
The Great Triumph	P. P. Botelho
The Leopard	Y. K. Wouh
Wenning	H. Maitland

There is no better guide than the stopwatch to ascertain the speed and I have found, since the publication of the training times, that the best performance over the Valley Stakes distance was by Piet Hein. It has always been the ambition of every owner to capture the sprint classic event and it looks that the bay gelding belonging to the stable Hollandia has a golden opportunity to present his card first to the judges. It will be remembered that Piet Hein covered the length of the course in 1.35.3/5 and his achievement over six furlongs was the best of this year among the sub-griffins. The "life wire" of the Dutch syndicate is Mr. B. J. Israel, manager of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank while Dr. F. A. van Woerden, the Dutch Consul and Mr. W. A. J. Aernot are the sleeping partners. All of them, I am sure, have the best wishes of all the "early birds" and it is to be hoped that the Hollandia syndicate will be the first Dutch owners to annex the much coveted Valley Stakes. However in every big fight, there is always a lot of challengers and the chief opposition comes from Ali Baba, Fei Ying, Smiling Thru and Planchet.

CURRAGH HANDICAP

Rosemary Allotted Top Weight

In the Curragh Handicap for "C" class China ponies over a mile, we have not to consider the chance of Rosemary, who has been allotted top-weight, as the mare is on the walking list. There should be a good tussle between Boolat Bay, Bright View, Scenic View, Soldier of China, Tyne and Vira, the last named steed being in fine fettle. Commencement Bay is looking extremely well and I would recommend this grey for a long shot.

DIFFICULT TO SPOT WINNER

21 Entries For Bendigo Stakes

The Bendigo Stakes over a mile for B & C classes of Australian ponies of last season has drawn 21 entries and spotting the winner is not easy. Bag Tor has improved immensely and he has not much poundage to carry. A mile is, I am afraid, out of Zodiac's prowess but the mare is dangerous and may upset the apple-cart.

KING'S WARDEN SHOULD WIN

Not Likely To Be Many Entries

The last event, the New Stables Plate, for China ponies over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, will not have more than a handful of runners and King's Warden should pass the post first with Wild Life and Cossack's Beauty to follow behind.

Entries Split Into Two Sections

Sydney Maiden And Wongneichong Stakes

The two divisions in the Sydney Maiden Stakes and in the Wongneichong Stakes were drawn yesterday and resulted as follows:

The Sydney Maiden Stakes, First Section.—A Better Time, Annabella, Arina, Black Tim, Cape York, Colorado Star, Lily, Lucky Lad, Murray River, Sea Spray, Sea Urchin, The Buffer, Tornado Star.

The Sydney Maiden Stakes, Second Section.—A Lovely Time, Boris, Bredon, Criffel, King's Privilege, Little Audrey, Lovely Day, Macquarie River, Maya, National Crisis, Olga, Rex, See That, Sydney Bridge.

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes, First Section.—Be Yourself, Captain Blood, Cuban Love, Desert Star, Double Up, Final Triumph, Five Rulers, Full Mark, Gobi Star, Golden Brew, Golden Cow, Golden Idol, Labour Day, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, Lucky Seven, Meteor, Mongolian Cat, National Triumph, Palmer, Platinum, Rexiana, Sahara Star, Stymie, The Great Triumph, The Scholar, Tommy, Victory.

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes, Second Section.—Acme, African Cat, Ali Baba, Astrik, Bestavaer, Borrachito, Celebration Day, Charybdis, Cloudy Star, Cricketer, Dark Hazard, Dekko, Eagle, Fei Ying, Ferrybridge, Flying Trapeze, Gold Dollar, In The Bag, Mac's Second Venture, Mustard, National Dignity, National Force, National Guard, On Your Toe, Sea Dragon, Split Hand, Sunshine Susie, Wenning.

Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne in "Beloved Enemy," the Samuel Goldwyn film which comes to the King's Theatre on Sunday.

"GERMANY SHOULD WIN THE DAVIS CUP"

—Says "Bill" Tilden

Singapore, Feb. 7.

"Germany should win the Davis Cup this year," predicted tall "Big Bill" Tilden when he passed through Singapore yesterday. "England has no chance this year. Austin is talking of retiring and without Austin where is England?" he added.

"We are four individual players who happen to be travelling together," he said speaking of the party with him. "All games we play are played as real matches. They are not staged."

In Egypt and India the party broke all attendance records. In 42 days they played 29 matches in India.

Tilden was emphatic that professional tennis improved a player's game. Perry had told him that his game had gone up 15 after six weeks of professional tennis.

"It stands to reason that a man's game must improve in professional tennis, where he is continually playing against first class men," he said. "Cochet is playing better tennis now than he ever did as an amateur."

Singapore will have a tennis treat at the end of this month when Tilden, Cochet, Ramillon and Burke stage a round robin tournament at the Happy World Stadium from February 24 to February 27. They will play at the Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, on February 28 and March 1.

APPROVED BY L.T.A.M.

At Singapore, three singles matches and a doubles match will be played, so that the public will see a different combination of players each day. The matches are authorised by the Lawn Tennis Association of Malaya, which will provide umpires and linesmen.

The covered-in boxing stadium at the Happy World has been specially converted into a hard tennis court for the matches and it is expected that more than 20,000 seats will be available. The matches are being sponsored by Mr. Julian Frankel.

TABLE TENNIS

Yesterday's table tennis results were:

W. J. Skinner forfeit to Chen Kok-wing, A. M. Botelho lost to Fung Kok-hoo 0-3, L. J. Remedios lost to Lee Hon-kun 0-3, W. J. Skinner forfeit to Shu Shiu-lun, A. M. Botelho lost to Lee King-kwong 1-3, L. J. Remedios lost to Lau Kok-chil 0-3.

Fung Kok-hoo lost to Yee King-kwong 2-3.

JAPANESE DELEGATE

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Professor Jigoro Kano, the chief Japanese delegate to the International Olympic Committee, has sailed for Cairo via Singapore by the Hakozaki Maru.—*United Press.*

LINDRUM'S VICTORY

Sydney, Feb. 17.

Closing scores in the billiards match were Lindrum 16,409 and McConachy (in play) 10,573.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

Colours Awarded To Winners

The Kowloon Junior School held their annual sports on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday when a large number of parents of children and friends attended. No prizes were given but colours were awarded.

The winners in each of the divisions were:—

SENIOR

Girls: Elizabeth Davies (10 pts.), Jean Read (6 pts.), Ruth Woerner, Norma Blakey and Joyce Dimberline (5 pts. each).

Boys: George Neperoff (11 pts.), Stanley Clarke (7 pts.), Jack Tinson, Konny Bonhoff and Nigel Pearson (5 pts. each).

INTERMEDIATE

Girls: Dawn Ramsay (14 pts.), Joan Thompson (11 pts.), Peggy Moran and Claire Routley (3 pts. each).

Boys: Redmond Roger (12 pts.), Francis Petherick (7 pts.), Carruthers Newton (5 pts.).

JUNIOR

Girls: Joyce Cave (17 pts.), Patsy Dimberline (8 pts.), Mary Anderson (7 pts.).

Boys: Peter Smith (13 pts.), Dick Ritchie and Timmy Hanlon (9 pts.), Ronald Coxhill (5 pts.).

CHALLENGE SHIELDS

Girls: Elizabeth Davies; Boys: George Neperoff.

BRAWN CUP MATCH

In a Brawn Cup hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday, St. Andrew's women seconds drew with the "Y" women juniors one all.

Stella Roberts netted for St. Andrew's in the first half and Mrs. Williams equalised in the second.

Are You Being Punished?

If you have one bilious attack after another, if you wake up in the morning with a coated tongue and a bitter taste in your mouth, if you find it difficult to control your temper, if you suffer from flatulence and sick headaches, if you have a pimply complexion and ill-smelling breath, you should know that all such troubles are the punishment which nature imposes upon you for internal neglect.

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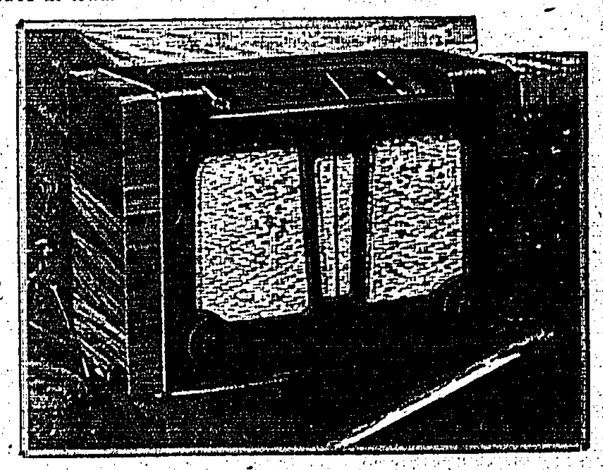

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Barney Glasgow, once a shanty boy, married Emmy Louise Howitt, his boss' daughter, and became the most powerful lumber baron in Wisconsin. At fifty Barney became desperately infatuated with Lotta Bostrom, the nineteen-year-old daughter of his old friend, Swan. Evvie, Barney's daughter, was in love with a mill hand and Richard, his son, in an attempt to get Lotta out of his father's way had fallen in love with her himself. Unaware of this were Barney and Swan.

Chapter Six

Barney entered the darkened house and mounted the stairs two at a time, hoping to find Emmy Louise still awake. She was. Before he could say the subject uppermost in his mind he decided to tell her about Evvie and Tony. As he expected, she took it badly.

"Aren't you going to stop it?" she cried indignantly.

"You can't stop a thing like that—not when two people really love each other. No, Emmy Louise, you let her alone." He braced himself and continued with quiet force, "She's not going to make the same mistake you and I did."

Emmy Louise looked at him with startled eyes, hardly daring to understand.

"I want a divorce," he went on. "I'll give you anything you want—all the money you can spend—you can write your own ticket and I'll see that it's all kept quiet—no scandal, no—"

"Barnard Glasgow, you're crazy!" Emmy Louise broke in, her face distorted with fright. "Are you in love with someone? Is it that girl of Swan's? Are you trying to trade an old wife for a new one? You're another of those silly middle-aged rich men that want to marry a young girl and be made a fool of!"

"I'm asking for freedom, Emmy Louise," Barney said evenly.

"You're a fool! You're an idiot! You married me and a fortune with me. You never cared for me, did you? Answer me!" Then, as Barney said nothing, she continued hysterically, "No, don't say it! I know it's true, I've always known how you felt. But I loved you—you could never understand loving like that—I was like a dog crawling after you . . ."

"I'm terribly sorry," Barney said almost in a whisper.

"Don't do this to me," she begged. "I know you'll leave me if you want but I'll never give you a divorce—never! You'll never marry that girl if I can help it!"

Barney looked at his wife in anger and contempt. What was the use? He started for the door, his feet dragging. Behind him there was a sharp cry. Her hands outstretched, trembling, Emmy Louise came toward him. She was sinking to her knees. He caught her quickly, roughly. She looked at him with terrible, tragic eyes.

"You're all I've got—all I've ever had in the world. I don't care who Evvie marries—if *you'll* only stay with me! If you say he's all right it's all right with me—anything you say, only don't leave me!"

Sinking into a chair, Emmy Louise buried her head in her arms and began to weep in long, tearing sobs. A torrent of pity welled up within Barney, pity so great that even his resolve was shaken. With awkward gentleness he put his hand on her shoulder and walked from the room.

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The Glasgow house was filled with wedding guests. Evvie and Tony were being married. When the ceremony was over Evvie looked at Tony with love and pride shining in her eyes; her dream had come true at last. Emmy Louise embraced Evvie with tear-filled eyes. She kissed Tony. They looked so happy, she couldn't help crying just a little. Mrs. Schwerke enfolded Evvie in her ample, motherly arms. Swan, Karlo and Lotta crowded around and wished the couple happiness.

When Evvie had changed into her travelling dress she stopped at Richard's room expecting to find Tony there. The door was slightly ajar and she suddenly stopped, paralized by what she saw. Richard and Lotta were standing in the middle of the room, locked in each other's arms. They were completely oblivious of her presence.

Evvie walked quickly down the stairs and detached her father from a circle of smiling friends. She kissed him tenderly.

"Do me one more favor," she said. "I left my bag with the railroad tickets up in Richard's room—"

Barney chuckled and went upstairs. At the threshhold of Richard's door he stopped dead in his tracks. Richard was kissing Lotta with passionate adoration. At the sound of his entrance they turned, their arms still entwined. Barney's face was terrible to behold. His mouth hung open and he was breathing like a man who had been running. Without a word of warning he lunged at Richard. Richard ducked, evading him.

"Lotta and I are gonna be married—" he began.

"You fool!" cried Barney, "She's my girl—she's my girl!"

"Lotta and I are gonna be married —" Richard began.

Lotta rushed at Barney, her eyes blazing.

"Don't you believe him, Richard. It's a lie! Ask Aunt Karlo—ask Pa. He never touched me—I wouldn't let him. He's lying—"

Richard advanced toward his father, his fist doubled.

"Say you're lying—say it's a lie—what you just said, or I'll lick you—father or no father—"

As Barney and Richard struggled breathlessly, Lotta cried out in terror:

"Richard—let him be—let him be! You'll hurt him. He's an old man—he's your father—"

Clutching at Richard's coat, she dragged him away from Barney, who stared at her, stricken by her words, "He's an old man." His breath came in choking gasps. Turning slowly, like a man in a daze, he walked out of the room.

At the bottom of the stairs Emmy Louise awaited him.

"That precious son of yours — I threw him out!" He looked ill. His eyes were sunken and glazed. As she stared at him, uncomprehending, he went on, "That girl. He said he was going to marry her."

"Is that all? Is *that* all?" There was relief and joy in Emmy Louise's eyes. "I don't care, not as long as it isn't you—I thought—" She wiped away the tears that rolled down her face. "I think Evvie's going to be happy—maybe Richard and this Lotta can be too. Things seem to be taken out of our hands. Maybe it's better that way . . ."

Barney put his hand gently on his wife's shoulder and looked about for Evvie. Evvie—she had sent him upstairs on purpose! Well, he was glad of it, it was what he needed to bring him to his senses. Amid general goodbys, kisses, tears and a shower of rice, the newlyweds made their departure. The butler was announcing lunch. Putting his arm around Swan's shoulders, Barney turned and faced his guests. His face was twisted in a strangely bitter smile but he was calm.

"Come and get it!" he said, echoing the old familiar cry. "Everybody, come and get it!"

THE END

TO-DAY IN HISTORY

Spark That Started The Spanish-American War

Forty Years Ago To-Day the American Cruiser Maine Sank in Cuba

IN February, 1898, the Spaniards were still wearily trying to reduce their refractory Cubans to order. Cuba, as the last fragment of their great American Empire, was very precious to them and they were most reluctant to allow her to go the way of the other colonies from revolt to, independence.

But while the Spaniards controlled the towns and the coastline, the interior of the island was seething with rebellion, whole tracts being in the hands of Autonomists, who carried on a ceaseless guerrilla warfare against the troops sent to suppress them.

Nearly as serious as the rebellion was the attitude of the United States.

The Spaniards had been in Cuba before the Americans were in America, so that there could be no question of invoking the Monroe Doctrine; but the American newspapers openly expressed their hope that the upshot of the troubles would be the final expulsion of Spain from the New World and were already beginning to talk of intervention.

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AT this unpropitious moment the Americans elected to send a warship, the Maine, to Havana.

The explanation that the Maine had been sent to pay a courtesy visit deceived nobody and was regarded by the Spaniards as a gratuitous insult to their intelligence.

They protested, but were too late to stop the Maine; all that they could do by way of reprisal was to send one of their own cruisers to New York.

The Maine arrived in Havana to find a chilly reception. The Spaniards, in their indignation, had exaggerated her size and armament. Actually she was a second-class battleship of 6,682 tons, carrying four ten-inch and six six-inch guns.

The authorities of Havana were frigidly polite to her commander, Captain Sigsbee, and his officers, and no more; the population was not always even polite. Passengers in a ferry-boat booed and cat-called as they crossed the Maine's bows, and when Captain Sigsbee attended a bullfight, he was received by a battery of black looks.

However, the Americans had not been expecting bouquets and took these outbursts in good part. On the evening of February 15 all was quiet aboard and in the city. It was a heavy, rather breathless night, following a hot, sunless day.

The cafes were still full of people when at 20 minutes to ten something happened which sent everyone hurrying to the water's edge.

A report, as though a sporting gun had been fired, was followed by a tremendous explosion, and from the spot where, a moment before, the Maine had been lying at anchor, a great column of flame and smoke rose skywards.

For some minutes the smoke hid everything, and when it cleared all that could be seen of the battleship was a burning heap of wreckage crowded with men.

Boats were lowered by an American steamer and a Spanish cruiser, and the survivors were taken off, but the casualties were terrible; 254 men perished, and only 100 were rescued.

What had happened? The accounts of the survivors differed slightly.

Captain Sigsbee, who was writing letters in his cabin at the time, described the explosion as "a burning, rending and crashing sound." He also declared that immediately afterwards he had heard cheering from the shore.

One man described a "trembling and buckling of the decks," followed by an explosion; another saw the whole starboard side of the deck "spring up in the air."

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SOME were positive there had been two explosions; others were equally sure they had heard only one. All were agreed on the violence of what had happened. The ship had been split in pieces, and men had been tossed about like scraps of paper.

Next morning the inevitable trouble began. The Spanish newspapers expressed their profound sorrow that, probably owing to some defect in construction, the Maine should have blown up and so many brave men have lost their lives.

The American papers registered their burning indignation at the treacherous destruction of one of their battleships lying in the harbour of a so-called friendly Power.

The Governments of both countries announced that an inquiry must be held, and within a week two rival courts were sitting. The obvious alternative of one court of neutral judges does not appear to have occurred to either party.

The proceedings of both inquiries were necessarily restricted. The Spaniards, who professed their belief in an interior explosion, had the run of the harbour, but could hardly trespass on the wreckage or insist overmuch on examining survivors. The Americans, who were sure that the Maine had been mined or torpedoed, were unable, in the delicate state of international relations, to insist on searching the harbour and the Spanish defences.

Each inquiry, in short was precluded from exploring the ground where its members might expect to find evidence confirming their preconceived theories.

The Spaniards got their report out first. Since there were no mines in Havana harbour and no one could have fired a torpedo without official cognisance, the explosion, they argued, must have been internal.

They went on to make a number of interesting and—to the Americans—highly irritating suggestions as to what could have caused it. Spontaneous combustion in the coal bunkers, perhaps, or an accident in the magazine, or the generation of gas in a watertight compartment, or some carelessness in leaving inflammable materials about.

The American inquiry had the advantage of being able to carry out a thorough inspection of the wreck. Divers were sent down, and although it was impossible to discover much from a tangled mass of steel imbedded in soft mud, they did bring to light certain facts.

It appeared that the bottom plating of the ship had been violently bent and the keel similarly bent and broken, a result which, in the opinion of the court, could only have been produced by the explosion of a mine.

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FURTHER, the Court had little difficulty in squashing all the ingenious suggestions put forward by its Spanish rival.

The two courts could not be left to agree to differ, and a month later Congress recognised the independence of Cuba, and instructed President McKinley to take such measures as might be necessary to expel the Spanish forces from the island.

The Spanish Minister at Washington at once demanded his passports, and so began the war, which was to be a continuous disaster for Spain.

But what, it may be asked, was the truth? The question is important. If the Maine was blown up by the Spaniards the Americans could scarcely be blamed for their drastic action; but if the explosion was internal American intervention was unjustified.

There can be little doubt as to how the Maine was destroyed. In 1911, at immense expense, the wreckage was brought to the surface and examined. The most important discovery was a curved bottom plate, which indicated, almost beyond question, that at this point the Maine had come in contact with a mine.

Immediately above the plate was the six-inch magazine, where black powder was stored, which must have been ignited by the explosion.

There are of course, two sorts of mines, those which explode on contact and those which are controlled by electric cable. Since the Spaniards would hardly have scattered the first sort in a harbour full of shipping, the Maine must have been destroyed by one of the second.

When the Spaniards declared that they could find no trace of an electric cable in the harbour, they were lying and knew that they were lying.

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FROM Spanish sources it is clear that the harbour of Havana was protected by mines, 190 of which had been sent out from Spain the year before. The anchorage of the Maine being fixed by the port authorities, it is probable that an electrically controlled mine was placed at the spot where she would lie.

Curiously enough, on the evening of the explosion she had swung round on her moorings until she was in the very position she would take up if she were engaging the Spanish batteries on shore, the eventuality for which the mine was presumably intended.

In view of the strained relations between Spain and the United States the precaution was perfectly legitimate.

To this day no one knows how or by whom that mine was fired. The secret is perhaps locked away among records at Madrid; or perhaps it was thought wiser that there should be no documentary evidence.

But the Spaniards must have discovered the true cause and tried to conceal it.

It can scarcely be supposed that the authorities themselves were so mad as to fire the mine. But it may be that on the night of Feb. 15 someone obtained access to the electrical gear controlling the mines in the harbour. He saw, by the dropping of a shutter, that the Maine had swung round until she was in contact with a mine, and he could not resist the temptation.

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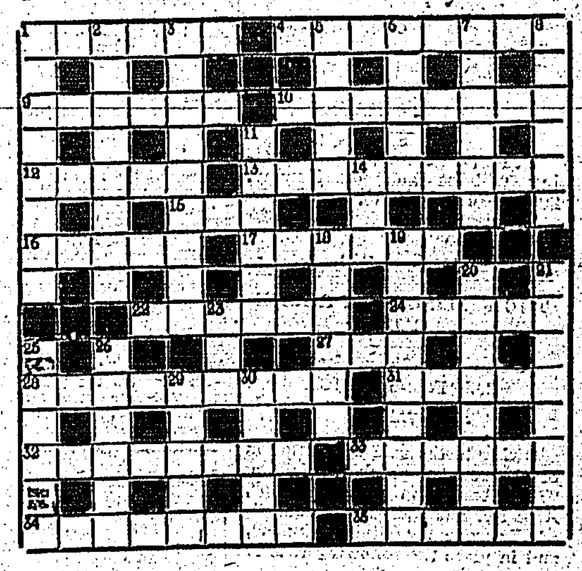

ACROSS

1 In business I make extravagant talk (6).
4 Acted telling little Edward what sort of performance it was (8).
9 Approach (6).
10 An indoor game with an onomatopoeic name (8).
12 "For I who hold sage— 's rule the best, welcome the coming, speed the parting guest" (Pope). (5).
13 Descriptive of perfect service at tennis (9).
15 Bird (3).
16 English girl who is always in France (5).
17 Material from a llama (6).
22 Heraldic metal (6).
24 Town of Belgium (5).
27 Bird (3).
28 This man might be of use in two capacities on a cattleboat (9).
31 River of France. (5).
32 Languid like a lady who has lost her shopping memoranda (8).
33 This knight was a British dramatist (6).
34 Evidence of underground excavation (8).
35 Experienced, not necessarily in poetry (6).

DOWN

1 If this useful work was not straight it would be cheating (9).
2 Town to be found in Yorkshire or Surrey (6).
3 This ship is obviously capable of doing damage (9).
5 A foreign soldier (6).
6 When you have lost your way it is pleasing to get this direction (5).
7 Useful to the planter (6).
8 Summary (6).
11 On fire of course, obviously (6).
14 Always to be seen in a pleasant landscape (3).
18 A new idea is obvious (6).
19 A stage flower (9).
20 Brave advice to the timid (8).
21 This English town shows where to cross the river (8).
23 Vapour (3).
25 Shelter (6).
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29 Masculine name (5).
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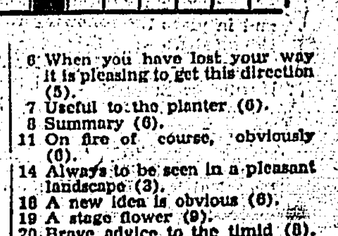

NEWS OF THE DAY IN PICTURES FROM FAR AND NEAR

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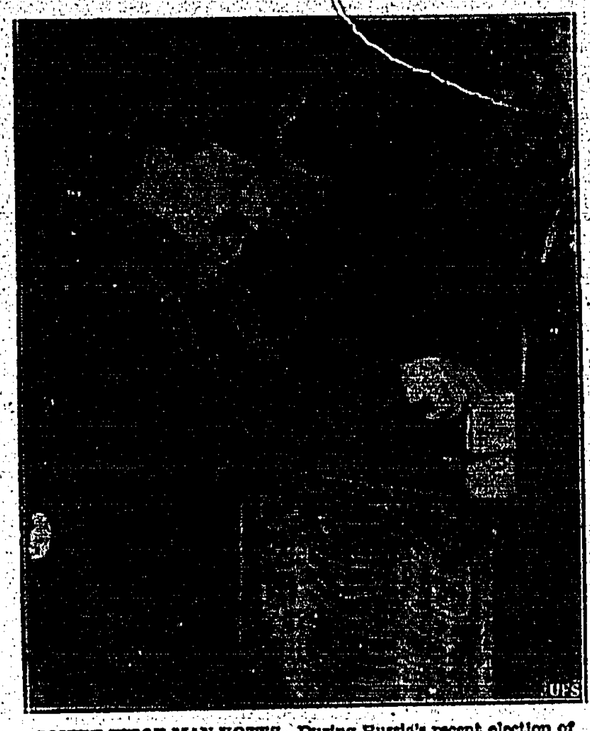
HAPPENINGS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA'S EYE

INSPECTION—One of the first duties of General the Viscount Cort, recently appointed Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, was to inspect the cadets at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, England. Here Britain's future war commanders look their best as General Cort, accompanied by his staff, reviews them.



SOVIET FIRST MAN VOTES—During Russia's recent election of the first Supreme Soviet under the new constitution, more than 90,000,000 persons voted for the only ticket in the field—the one headed by Joseph Stalin himself. Here the Man of Steel casts his vote in Moscow. The Stalin ticket lost only .007 per cent of the entire vote cast.

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TROUBLED KING TO WED—Despite political discord in Egypt, resulting in expulsion of one cabinet and appointment of a new one, King Farouk, right, 18-year-old ruler of Egypt, went ahead with arrangements for his wedding to Miss Sai ("Pure Rose") Naz Zulficar, 16. The bride is the daughter of an Appeals Court judge in Alexandria.

POPE REFUSES TO REST — High Vatican officials are worried over the refusal of Pope Pius to rest adequately and guard himself against the Roman winter, fearing jeopardy of his life. Above, he blesses the crowd in front of his summer palace, Castel Gandolfo in the Alban Hills, before returning to the Vatican recently, after six months' sojourn there.

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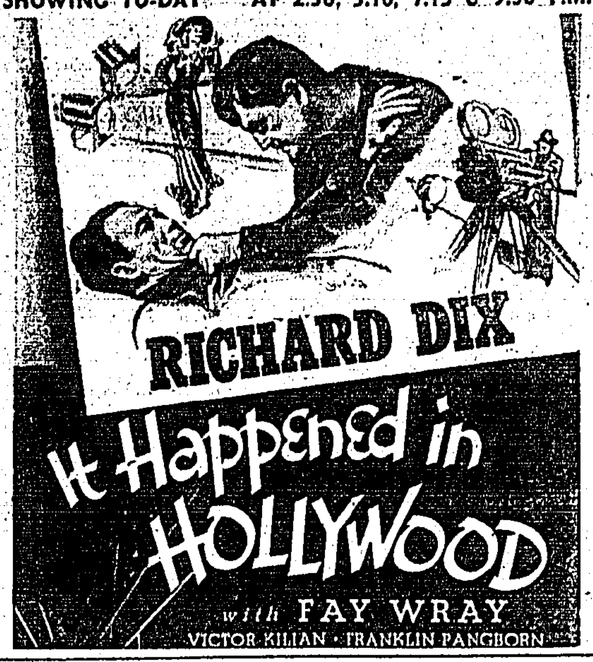

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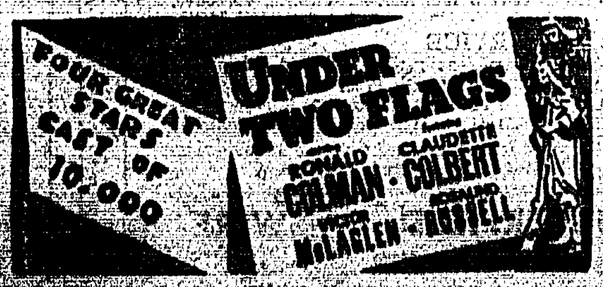

JAPANESE IN STRONG POSITION

Yellow River Only Impediment To Important Advance

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

Foreign military observers here regard the Japanese march towards the Yellow River as the most important development in the Sino-Japanese hostilities since the fall of Nanking. These operations, and the attendant thrust on the Lunghai railway, are considered rather more vital than the battle for Hsuchow.

The two main objectives of the Japanese are, firstly, to gain control of the Lunghai railway, and secondly, to form a junction between the forces operating from the north and south. In accomplishing these objectives they would possess the only railway running into the very heart of China, and would obtain full control of Kiangsu, Shantung and Hopei.

Observers lay a great deal of emphasis upon the moral effect upon the Japanese if they cross that section of the Yellow River traversing Honan, which, for many centuries, has been the great dividing line. This achievement would make the Japanese feel they had made a major advance in the campaign.

Japanese operations, however, will continue to present difficulties so long as Changteh in northern Honan, remains their base of operations, for it is a good 75 miles from the Yellow River.

Under efficient generalship, foreign observers believe that it would not be difficult for the Chinese to prevent the Japanese from crossing the Yellow River, but Chinese failures elsewhere have not stimulated optimism. Once across the Yellow River, the Japanese would be able to reach Chengchow without difficulty. A glance at the map shows that the Lunghai railway is a sort of cross-bar between the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways. The fall of either of the junction cities—Chengchow or Hsuchow—is expected by observers to make the other untenable, except at the risk of huge casualties.—*Reuter.*

SEIYUKAI PARTY MAY DISSOLVE

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Convocation of an emergency general meeting of the Seiyukai, to discuss dissolution of the party and affiliation with the projected national political organisation is urged by Mr. Ichiro Kone, the party leader. A group of Seiyukaiers have already discussed the question at a meeting in the Diet Building.—*Reuter.*

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE WILL CLOSE

The Hongkong Stock Exchange will be closed at noon on February 21 and 22, race days.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the radio station:—Vogtland, Ward, Fresno City, Fulda, Jeypore, Fingal, Changte, Empress Of Canada, Minoo Maru, Simmie, Aramis, President Grant, Tsinan, Taiyuan, La Plata Maru, Strathmore, Hakusan Maru, and Fushimi Maru.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR RUMANIA'S QUEEN

Bucharest, Feb. 17.

Queen Marie of Rumania, who has been seriously ill during the past year, left for Italy to-day for special treatment.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

STOP PRESS

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The quarrel is alleged to have taken place in the barrack room of the Explosives Depot on Green Island, where the men were on guard duty.

GUERILLAS ATTACK CHUCHENG

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

Chinese mobile units have made several surprise attacks on Chucheng in east Shantung during the last few days, according to military reports.

On one occasion, the reports state, the Chinese guerillas succeeded in breaking into the walled city and engaged the Japanese in street fighting.—*Central News.*

GERMAN, JAPANESE TALKS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 17.

It is semi-officially announced that the Japanese Ambassador conversed with General Goering yesterday on "questions of interest to Germany and Japan."—*Reuter.*

Japan Wants Information About Biggest British Ships

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Mr. Hikari Nishio, noted critic, has urged the Government to build super-dreadnaughts if Britain declines to give Japan information concerning the specifications of H.M.S. Rodney and H.M.S. Nelson, and has proposed the creation of an international enquiry commission to ascertain, with Britain's permission, specifications of Britain's most powerful battleships.

Meanwhile the *Chugaishogyo*, a commercial daily paper, commenting on the current naval race, says there seems to be no chance of a disarmament conference in view of Mr. Cordell Hull's statement that the race has been brought about by Japan's refusal to give information of her building plans. The foreign powers have used the Japanese refusal to justify their expansion programme, the journal points out, and further says that Britain is already the world's strongest naval power, while the United States "has not the slightest fear of invasion by a foreign foe, nor a feeling of insecurity regarding national defence. Both Britain and the United States intend to expand their navies with possible future hostilities in the Far East as the object in view. Both countries are marking Japan in their expansion."—*Reuter.*

ROBESON JUNIOR ON HIS SCHOOL

Eight countries were tried by the Robeson family before they found a school for Paul junior where he could work and play without fear of colour prejudice.

Now this ten-year-old son of the famous singer and actor is in London on holiday from the school in Moscow where he has studied for the past 13 months. The school is known only by its number—175.

He has never been so happy in his life, he told a *News Chronicle* reporter at his father's flat, near Charing Cross recently.

A GREAT TRAVELLER

Young Paul is already a great traveller, knows three continents well and speaks four languages.

In looks he is his father over again, with his father's vitality and ready smile.

"At school we are trained to help one another," he said, "and it is not done to harm people.

"Children don't fight at my school. There has been only one fight the whole time.

"The boy who started it got a talking-to from the director (we never get punished). But the other boy was praised. You see, we are taught it is right to fight only in self-defence.

NO ROUGH GAMES

"It's super fun in the afternoons," said Paul. "We ski and skate in winter and swim and ride in summer. The girls are just as good sports as the boys.

"Nobody ever wears leg-guards in hockey or football because we are taught not to hurt each other. I've never once seen a player hurt."

Best of all, he thinks, no child is afraid of anybody, and for the first time in his life he is not afraid of being hurt either in body or mind.

"Russian children don't look at you as if they hated you," he said, "or as if they despised you or wanted to be nasty to you. They look at you as if they'd like to know you."

Paul can hardly wait to get back to School 175. From there he will go to a University to learn how to be an electrical engineer.

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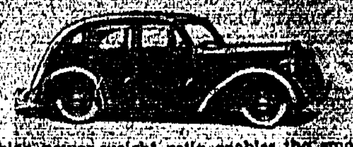

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JAPANESE FAIL TO TAKE WEIHWEI

NEW OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED ON SHANSI FRONT

Chinese Making Progress On Various Sectors

Peiping, Feb. 18.

The official claim made by the Japanese yesterday that they had captured Weihwei was modified when the Japanese stated that advancing forces engaged in a fierce battle at the Weihwei Station a mile or so north of the town, in which 1,000 Chinese were killed.

The Japanese then swung westward nearer to two other columns pushing along the south-east corner of the Shansi province.

Weihwei is still in Chinese hands.

Independent Japanese columns are advancing along the left bank of the Yellow River from South Hopei, and occupied Yangwu.

A new Japanese offensive has been launched in Shansi, and the vanguard of the Japanese forces has entered Pingyao.—*Reuter.*

Making Progress

Tungshanku, Feb. 18.

Headquarters of the Chinese army here, only a few miles from Hsuchow, admits that Lianghsiatien, 85 miles north from this point, has not yet been recaptured. However, Tsohsien, 90 miles to the north, is at present enveloped and Chinese units are in the suburb. But the Chinese artillery has refused to fire for fear of wounding Chinese civilians still in the city.

Chinese units are also entrenched in the northern section of Tsining. They advanced a few blocks yesterday, threw up machine-gun emplacements, crept into the houses and fired from the windows. The Japanese garrison, heavily armed, is attempting to hold on to its position in the hope that reinforcements will come up. But it is probable that the road which reinforcements must travel will be cut by the Chinese.

General Li Chung-jen's headquarters told me that the Fifth Route Army's mobile forces have swooped down from the north-east through ground emptied of Japanese troops, to recapture Mingkwang. The Japanese troops were meanwhile trying to push westward into Anhwei province. These Fifth Army men are Kwangsi-born, and a hardy crowd.

The Chinese main body is moving south from Kuchen, and has recaptured Tsaolaochi, ten miles north of Pengpu. As a consequence the Chinese attack on Hwalyuan forced the Japanese to retreat southward. —*United Press.*

Strategy Altered

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

Chinese military strategy has undergone a drastic change since the Shanghai positional warfare. I have found the Fifth Military District, which embraces Shantung, Kiangsu and Anhwei, under the command of General Li Chung-jen, organised on an elastic scale. The basic thesis of defence is that the soldiers assigned to this district will never leave it until the war is finished. Such a plan does not mean that certain places will be defended to the last man, but that the soldiers will leave the positions they are holding if they are likely to prove costly. However, they will not leave the district and will continually circulate through these provinces.

They will mass where it is feasible and scatter when it is necessary, attacking the flanks and rear of the enemy, but not abandoning frontal warfare altogether.

Ready To Strike and Retreat

As an example, if the Chinese fight and are forced to retreat from northern Anhwei, they will move into southern Shantung. If they are pounded back in eastern Shantung, they will move into western Shantung, or Kiangsu, or Anhwei. The strength of this thesis lies in the fact that the Japanese forces are not believed to be numerous enough to occupy the whole district and drive out the defenders.

The Chinese believe that the Japanese may be able to capture Hsuchow. But they declare they will never be able to consolidate effectively the two ends of the Tientsin-Pukow railway line. The weakness is not likely to be in Japanese armaments but the human

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STRATEGIST

LI CHUNG-JEN

Dispute Said To Be Ended

America And Japan In Agreement

Washington, Feb. 17.

Usually reliable sources state that the United States and Japan have settled the Alaskan salmon fisheries dispute, but they avoided publicity, due to the possible complications Japan might encounter during the negotiations of the Soviet fisheries question.

It is understood that United States has tacitly recognised Japan's legal right to operate in the area, but the Japanese have acquiesced in the United States' wish to discontinue operations there, which are regarded as destructive to the fishing industry.

Neither the State Department nor the Japanese Embassy denied that a settlement had been arranged, nor did they otherwise comment on the situation.—*United Press.*

Austrian Crisis Has Wide Repercussions

Sweep Sale Climb Near To 300,000

Over 283,000 tickets on the special dollar sweep organised by the Hongkong Jockey Club on the Derby, which will be run on Monday, had already been sold this morning.

As it is, a first prize of approximately $110,000 is assured.

It is expected that the total sale will exceed 300,000.

The sale of tickets will continue until only a short time before the race on Monday. The rush to purchase continues unabated.

BRITAIN MAY WIPE OFF WAR DEBTS

Suggested Agreement With America

Washington, Feb. 17.

President F. D. Roosevelt to-day conferred with Mr. John N. Garner, vice-President, Mr. Daniel Bell, Director of the Budget, Senator Pat Harrison and Representative Doughton. The conferees were pledged to secrecy, and were therefore unable to confirm rumours that they discussed the possibility of an amendment to the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act in order to obtain authority from Congress to discuss War Debt settlement simultaneously with the British trade pact.

It is reported that under the projected plan, Britain would extend greater tariff concessions to the United States than vice-versa. The annual value of sales from British trade as a result of the concessions would be credited as payment of Britain's war debt. Meanwhile Britain would resume token payments sufficient to escape the restrictions of the Johnson Act, which prohibited loans to defaulters.—*United Press.*

SMALL-POX INCIDENCE STILL HIGH

Small-pox continues to remain virulent in the Colony, and returns for the last 24 hours ending midnight last night, show an additional 33 cases, as compared with 22 for the previous 24 hours.

There were 21 notifications in Victoria, eight in Kowloon, and four from other districts.

This brings the total to date to 664.

To-day's Health Office report also shows five new cases of dysentery, two instances of meningitis, and one each of enteric fever and measles.

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TO THE LAST MAN!

Insurgent Spanish troops have fought with great courage in and around Teruel. When they were temporarily on the defensive they fought to the last man to hold their positions. Here Loyalists have trapped some of them and are calling for their surrender.

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The remark that the year's net profit rose by $220,094 or a fraction under 42 per cent., and that the explanation that these remarkable figures were largely due to other people's troubles, was made by the Chairman the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Limited held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited this morning.

Mr. Paterson further said that although it was clear that the heavy traffic was abnormal, and that the majority of the visitors now in the Colony are transient, the Board had decided to order six additional tramcars, for as a public utility company, it had to be in a position to cater for the peak load on all occasions.

The profit for the year amounts to $767,221.39, and together with the amount brought forward from last year's account, $101,661.51, makes a total of $868,882.90, from which the sum of $300,000 will be used to pay a final dividend of 60 cents per share, or a total of 90 cents for the year.

Sir H. E. Pollock in seconding the adoption of the reports and accounts remarked that he would like to congratulate the directors on presenting such an excellent report.

The Hon. Mr. Paterson and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. Wong-tape, seconded by Mr. W. A. Stewart.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. W. Allen, seconded by Mr. F. W. Stapleton.

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—I will, with your permission, take the report of the directors and the statement of accounts for the year 1937 as read.

EVENTFUL YEAR

We have not only experienced a very prosperous year but we have passed through one of the most eventful years in the company's history. The increase in the volume of traffic handled which I reported last year has continued and several records have been created including the number of passengers carried, miles operated and monthly tickets issued. Coronation week returned the highest number of passengers—1,175,000 exclusive of monthly ticket holders—and exceeded the number

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Reservoir Bursts, Traps Mine Workers

Jeansville, Penn., Feb. 17.

A reservoir collapsed here to-day, pouring tons of water into coal mines which were flooded. The floods washed two men to safety, and simultaneously caused a cave-in, trapping eight men 500 feet below surface.

It is possible they are safe in the event of their being at work some distance from the shaft.—*United Press.*

King George To Encourage British Music

To Attend Empire Day Concert

London, Feb. 17.

The King and Queen will attend a concert on Empire Day at the Royal Albert Hall on the lines of that given by King George V. command in 1935. It is Their Majesties' wish that the concert shall fulfil the same two aims as that of the Jubilee year—to exemplify and encourage the Nation's music-making at its best, and to benefit musicians in need.

The concert will be broadcast at home and to the Empire. Choral delegates from some 200 choirs in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Channel Isles will be invited. These will join with 550 members of the Royal Albert Hall Choir and other choral societies of Greater London. It is hoped it may be found possible to include small a contingent representative of the Dominions.—*British Wireless.*

KING'S SPEECH HEARD BY MANY MILLIONS

London, Feb. 17.

His Majesty the King broadcast an address for the third time in his reign when speaking at the reception given at the Guildhall to-day by the National Advisory Council for physical training and recreation. He made a strong appeal in the cause of physical fitness which, he said, "lies very near my heart."

His Majesty spoke clearly and deliberately, every syllable being plain to millions of listeners. The speech occupied ten minutes.

The Queen was present at the

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MAY AFFECT AMERICAN NAVAL BUILDING PLAN, WASHINGTON SUGGESTS

Nazis Plan Intensive Drive To Remake Austria Along German-Inspired Lines

Washington, Feb. 17.

Sentiment in favour of a big navy programme will increase, it is indicated, as a result of the Austro-German crisis, which directly relates to the Mediterranean balance of power and indirectly to the Far East situation.

Responsible quarters are increasingly disposed to regard the crisis as evidence of a new Italo-German arrangement whereby Germany will obtain a larger influence in Austria and in return will give Italy strong support in bargaining with Britain in the Mediterranean.

Rome's apparent acquiescence in events in Austria contributes to the impression that Italy has already profited, or expects to profit in consequence.

All moves strengthening European members of the anti-Communist bloc are regarded here as directly affecting the United States because of the repercussions they may have upon the balance of power in the Far East.

It is felt that if Germany and Italy frustrate British attempts to reach a Mediterranean agreement, British influence in the Far East will be correspondingly restrained and Japan's influence will be increased.

It is regarded as being worthy of note that President F. D. Roosevelt has requested a larger navy primarily on the ground that it is necessary to consider the defences on two oceans. Supplementing the President's request Admiral William Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives that the United States plans must consider the connection between Germany, Italy and Japan, which had reached "some kind of agreement."

The Austrian crisis, coinciding with the consideration by Congress of the naval expansion plan, is regarded as favourable for big navy supporters. The exact nature of the developments in Austria is not clear to responsible quarters, but it is surmised that Germany is seeking greater influence, particularly after the initial test showed Great Britain and France

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POLITICAL PRISONERS SET FREE

Labour Disturbed By "Betrayal" Of Austria To Nazis

Vienna, Feb. 17.

The chief event to-day has been the release of prisoners from the Vienna Central Court prison, variously estimated at between 250 and 500. Many relatives gathered at the prison doors waiting to see their husbands, sons and brothers for the first time, in many cases, since 1934.

Police outside the prison kept the crowds moving, while excitement among the factory workers continued and lightning protest strikes against the alleged "betrayal of Austria to the Nazis" occurred in a number of big factories in Vienna.—*Reuter Special.*

AUSTRIAN MINISTRY OF WAR TO REMAIN VACANT

Vienna, Feb. 17.

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, in a cautious communique to-day, revealed that the Ministry of War would remain vacant pending an agreement with Germany on outstanding matters, indicating that it was not expected to prevent Germany's control of the army.

Informed circles state that it is understood Herr Adolf Hitler is insisting upon the removal of Dr. Victor Kienbook, head of the Austrian National Bank, and former Finance Minister, on the grounds that the cessation of the Austro-German trade negotiations would result in Dr. Kienbock's grant of further credit, and also that he was opposed to the reciprocation four-year plan.—*United Press.*

COMPLETE NAZI COUP IS CLAIMED

Paris, Feb. 18.

Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, while at Berchtesgaden, is stated in Berlin, according to the Berlin correspondent of *Havas*, to have accepted conditions whereby the Nazis would be given more posts in the Austrian Cabinet and commanding positions on the policy towards the League of Nations with that of Germany, and would sign the anti-Comintern Pact.

Herr Hitler is planning an Austro-German customs union to be achieved by a progressive reduction of tariffs, and for Austro-German currencies to be linked with a view to the ultimate introduction of a common monetary system. Further that a German public works programme, notably of building trunk roads be extended to Austria, and that Austrian unemployed should be employed in Germany.—*Reuter.*

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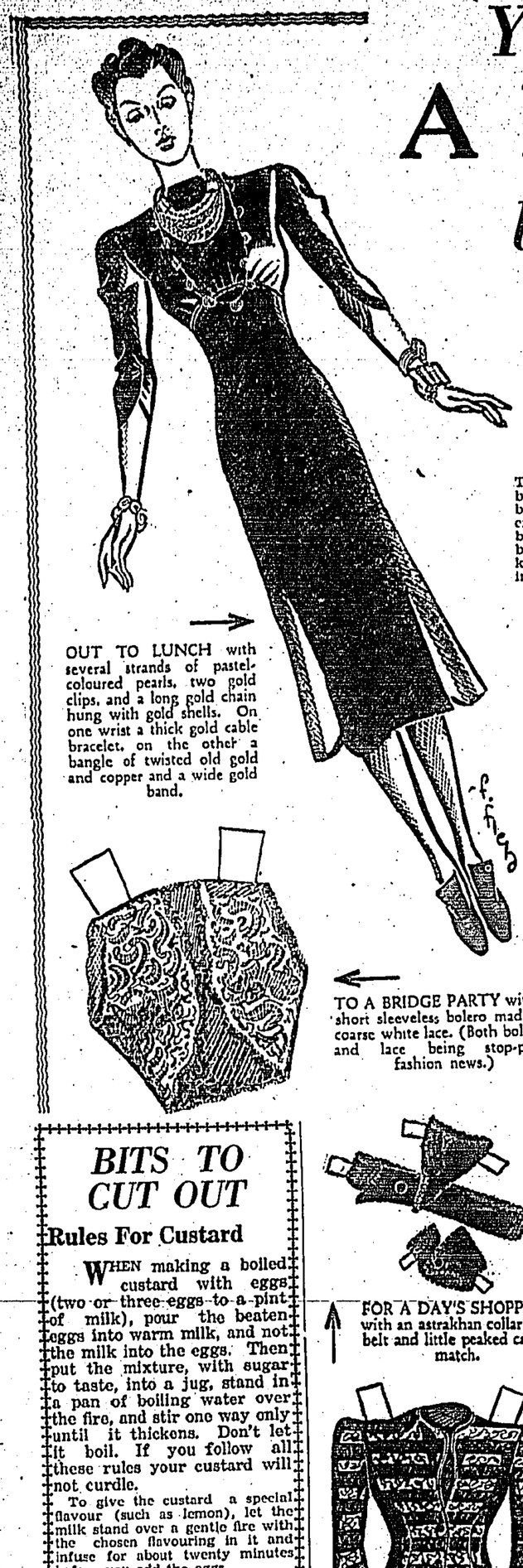
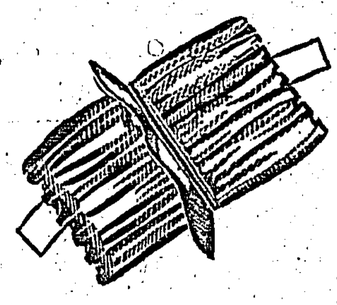


—you can wear it on a hundred different days in a hundred different ways . . . with short coats and long coats, with belts and sashes, with collars and scarves, with necklaces and bracelets . . . or just absolutely plain. Men will always think you well dressed, and women will envy you the different outfits you have for every occasion. Here is the type of frock: black wool marocain, high-waisted and moulded to the figure, quite plain at the back, slightly full in front. Neck is plain and cut high; sleeves are gathered in to just below the elbow. You can wear it—

OUT TO LUNCH with several strands of pastel-coloured pearls, two gold clips, and a long gold chain hung with gold shells. On one wrist a thick gold cable bracelet, on the other a bangle of twisted old gold and copper and a wide gold band.

TO A CINEMA with a bright magenta - coloured corduroy jacket; quite short and simple, with turn-back revers and long straight sleeves; hung with two rows of tiny silver bells instead of buttons.



TO THE OFFICE—belted with a wide band of emerald green crepe, closely draped, but held with a whalebone at the back to keep its width, fastening off in a short frill.

TO A BRIDGE PARTY with a short sleeveless bolero made of coarse white lace. (Both boleros and lace being stop-press fashion news.)

FOR A DAY'S SHOPPING with an astrakhan collar and belt and little peaked cap to match.

TO A WEDDING under a bright lamé wrist - length coat, striped black, gold, and red, severely tailored and very smart.

BITS TO CUT OUT

Rules For Custard

WHEN making a boiled custard with eggs (two or three eggs to a pint of milk), pour the beaten eggs into warm milk, and not the milk into the eggs. Then put the mixture, with sugar to taste, into a jug, stand in a pan of boiling water over the fire, and stir one way only until it thickens. Don't let it boil. If you follow all these rules your custard will not curdle.

To give the custard a special flavour (such as lemon), let the milk stand over a gentle fire with the chosen flavouring in it and infuse for about twenty minutes before you add the eggs.

Use Glue

IF you prefer to wash your own blankets add a little glue (a small teaspoonful) to the rinsing water. It will give an extra sheen to the blanket and make it look like new.

Soft Chammy

MAKE your chamois leather polisher soft and pliable by adding olive oil (half a dessertspoonful) to the rinsing water. Squeeze and hang out to dry. When dry rub well.

For Flouring

DO you flour your fish and liver on a plate? A better way is to put some flour in a paper bag and shake the fish or liver gently in it. It will be covered evenly and you won't have to wash up a floury plate.

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THERE are only two things to do when your husband rings up on Monday night and announces—not without a certain amount of sheepishness—that he'd like to bring home some friends for dinner. Either tell him to take his friends to the club and retire to bed with a book and a poached egg on a tray or buckle to.

If you're a nice wife, of course, you'll buckle to and make a raid on the store cupboard.

An original first course is difficult to produce at a moment's notice, but here is one which I have found from a fairly wide experience, is a favourite with guests, It requires few ingredients, is quick to make, and our "home-made" name for it is—

Pimento Pie

THE ingredients for a party of four are: *4 hardboiled eggs, ½ pint of white sauce flavoured with salt, pepper, 1 oz. of parmesan cheese and a tablespoonful of economy cream, and a small tin of pimento.*

Boil the eggs hard, cut them into thin slices and arrange them in a greased fireproof dish. Prepare the white sauce, adding the cream and cheese, and pour over the eggs. Place in a medium oven for ten minutes. Meanwhile cut the pimento into long strips about a quarter of an inch wide, and just before serving, decorate the pie with pimento arranged in chessboard fashion.

Follow this course with cold roast beef, sliced and arranged on a dish, garnished with watercress. Serve with it potatoes baked in their jackets and a winter salad.

Most men prefer a savoury to a sweet, and here is one which is a little more exciting than the usual sardine on toast. Its name is—

Baked Roes

FOR four people you will need: *Half a pound of herring roes, 1 tablespoonful of lemon juice, 1½ oz. butter, enough grated shallot to cover a threepenny bit, a pinch of chopped parsley.*

Grease the inside of a fireproof dish. Heat the butter in a pan, fry the roes lightly, and then arrange them attractively in the dish in rows, one on top of the other. Add the lemon, chopped parsley and grated shallot to the butter in the pan and heat for a few minutes. Pour over the roes and cook in a quick oven for five minutes.

The entire dinner can be prepared in well under an hour and will be found to be particularly popular with men.

If you have not the staff or the money to return hospitality on the same scale as your richer friends, then choose a dinner that can be partly prepared before the guests arrive. Three courses is ample nowadays, providing there is plenty of each.

Fish is an expensive item on a menu, so those who wish for a fish course will welcome the speciality of our home, which costs about sixpence for four people. We call it—

Mock Sole

INGREDIENTS are: *1½lb. of filleted herrings, breadcrumbs, and tartare sauce.* Cover the herrings with breadcrumbs and fry in fat as you would sole. Serve on a fish dish, garnished with water slices of lemon and parsley.

The tartare sauce is simply made as follows:

Beat the yolks of two eggs quickly in a basin, adding slowly drops of oil and vinegar until the basin contains enough sauce for the number of guests. Add one finely chopped gherkin and you have an excellent tartare sauce.

The second course I suggest is another standby in our home as it is economical as well as tasty. It's called—

Fricassee of Veal

THE ingredients:— *1lb. of pie veal, 1 small shallot, ½ pint of white sauce, juice of a lemon, some button mushrooms, and 6 pieces of streaky bacon.*

Cut up the veal into small pieces, put them into a saucepan with the shallot and some stock, and allow to simmer for a good hour. Make a white sauce with the stock, and then reheat the veal in the sauce, adding the lemon juice. Place in an entree dish and garnish with rolls of bacon, button mushrooms, and diamond croutes of fried bread.

Serve with nests of mashed potatoes fried in breadcrumbs and filled with a teaspoonful of spinach a la creme.

I suggest as a third course a sweet that can be prepared during the afternoon.

Pineapple Royale

YOU will need: *One ripe pineapple, 1 gill of thick cream, 1 tablespoonful of sherry or cointreau.*

Cut the top off the pineapple and lay it on one side. Scoop out the inside of the pine with a blunt kitchen spoon, taking care not to damage the sides or base of the pine. Chop the fruit very finely, add the cream and sherry, and leave in a basin in the refrigerator until just before dinner is ready. Then put back into the pine, place its top on, and serve in a glass bowl filled with ice.

Pamela Marlowe

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STRUGGLE FOR HANKOW EXPECTED TO BE LAST BIG POSITIONAL FIGHT

China's New Army To Make Desperate Bid for Victory

Hankow, Feb. 18.

The last great positional fighting in the present war, before which the battle for Shanghai and the struggle for the Lunghai railway are expected to pale, will be fought in the province of Hupeh, possibly near Hankow, is the opinion of competent observers here. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek hopes to put at least 40 divisions into the field for this battle, and expresses confidence that it will be Japan's Waterloo.

A stream of all the most modern weapons of war—heavy guns, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, machine guns and automatic rifles—have been steadily flowing into China from abroad. These weapons are daily distributed to the "new army," composed of reorganised divisions and new ones emerging from the drilling grounds.

If the Chinese are defeated in this great battle, the Government and the army are withdrawing to the mountains in the north-west and south-west. The Chinese will try to hold the seven provinces of Szechuen, Yunnan, Kweichow, Kwangsi, Shensi, Kansu and Chinghai. There will be no more positional fighting, but China's resistance, it is predicted, will be continued unabated in the form of guerilla operations from one end of the country to the other.

Observers here do not minimise the importance of the battle for Hsuchow, but regard it, and other battles to be fought for the Lunghai railway as only curtain-raisers to the great decisive clash to follow.

Air Challenge

Chinese aircraft are expected before long to offer serious challenge to Japan's supremacy in the air. With the arrival of bombers and pursuit planes from Russia, England, France and America, and the new pilots being turned out from various aviation schools, the Chinese air force is growing stronger every day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is constantly visiting the different fronts by air. Only recently he made an especially important tour, accompanied by the Kwangsi leader, General Pei Chung-hsi, China's master strategist, who was once Chiang's implacable foe, but is now his close friend in a common cause. At Linfeng in south Shansi, they conferred with Chu Teh, Mao Tse-tung, and other commanders of the Eighth Route Army drawn from the communist army then at Kaifeng, the capital of Honan. They poured over maps, and discussed the campaign with Li Chung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, and a host of other commanders.

Tactics Have Changed

Although their decisions were kept secret, this much is known: The Chinese tactics have been changed, and there has been an important reshuffling of troops. While Chiang Kai-shek attaches great importance to the battle for Hsuchow, the main fighting strength of the Chinese will not be concentrated there. Before the fall of Nanking, Chinese commanders at different points fought their own battles without any co-ordinated plan. For example, when the Japanese were using all available troops to smash their way to victory in Shanghai General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, who was recently executed for dereliction of duty, sat tight in Shantung, doing nothing.

Chiang Kai-shek believes this lack of co-ordination has been remedied, and that things will be different in the battle for the Lunghai railway.—*Reuter.*

FENGCHIU REPORTED RETAKEN

Chengchow, Feb. 18.

Fengchiu, important town on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, only 18 miles from Kaifeng, has been recovered by Chinese forces, reports received here indicate.

The recapture of the town frustrated the Japanese flanking movement on the right side of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, which apparently aimed at capturing Kaifeng and cutting communications on the Lunghai Railway.

On the railway line the Chinese are throwing their full weight to halt the rapid Japanese advance at Hsinhsiang, 40 miles north of Chengchow, where bitter fighting is now raging, whilst on the left side of the railway the Chinese and Japanese are locked in a grim struggle on the high-levelled ground north-east of Hweihsien.

Continuing to harass the Japanese rear, Chinese guerilla units are reported to have recaptured the railway station outside the south city gate of Paoting, thus disrupting Japanese communications on the Peiping-Hankow Railway. In an attempt to eliminate the guerilla menace around Paoting the Japanese military command has dispatched 300 carloads of reinforcements from Peiping and Tientsin to the Hopei provincial capital. Fighting is now in progress in the suburbs.

Meanwhile, Wantu, Tingshien, Hsinlo, Mancheng, Hsintang and Wuchi, towns along the Peiping-Hankow Railway which have recently been recaptured by Chinese guerilla units are still in Chinese hands.—*Central News.*

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"It Happened in Hollywood" (King's Theatre, to-day).—All the triumphs of a star when he is "tops" and all the heartaches when he begins to slip. This is a genuine story of Hollywood, showing a star of silent Westerns (Richard Dix) losing out when the talkies come in, and his fight to keep his standing. Fay Wray appears in support.

"Slim" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—The work and loves of high-tension wire men. Henry Fonda, Pat O'Brien and Margaret Lindsay have the leading roles.

"Night Club Scandal" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—John Barrymore, former idol of the screen, back in an unusual role. Others in the cast are Lynne Overman, Charles Bickford and Evelyn Brent.

"Charlie Chan at the Circus" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Another one of the famous series, with Warner Oland as the famous Oriental crime-solver.

"After The Thin Man" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—A sequel to the film which established William Powell and Myrna Loy as a combination. It is perhaps not as good as the original, as only to be expected, but it is good enough to satisfy most fans. Asta, the dog, is cuter than ever.

M.C.L. FLAG DAY TO-MORROW

A flag day in aid of the Ministering Children's League will be held to-morrow.

Among its obligations the League is pledged to maintain two cots in the home at Ottershaw, and a cot in the Nethersole Hospital here. Last year's funds were allocated to the Nethersole Hospital Cot, Hongkong Benevolent Society, Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Blind Home at Pokfulam, Victoria Home and Orphanage, Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, C.M.S. School Fund, Garrison Ladies Help Society, Kowloon, Chinese Y.W.C.A. (Baby Clinic and Factory Girls' Club), St. John Ambulance, Little Sisters of the Poor, Canossian Orphanage, Shaukiwan, Hongkong School for the Deaf and Dumb, a total of $8,930.

To-morrow emblems will be on sale from 8 a.m. till noon. Sellers have been asked to refrain from going into business offices.

JAPANESE IN STRONG POSITION

Yellow River Only Impediment To Important Advance

Shanghai, Feb. 18.

Foreign military observers here regard the Japanese march towards the Yellow River as the most important development in the Sino-Japanese hostilities since the fall of Nanking. These operations, and the attendant thrust on the Lunghai railway, are considered rather more vital than the battle for Hsuchow.

The two main objectives of the Japanese are, firstly, to gain control of the Lunghai railway, and secondly, to form a junction between the forces operating from the north and south. In accomplishing these objectives they would possess the only railway running into the very heart of China, and would obtain full control of Kiangsu, Shantung and Hopei.

Observers lay a great deal of emphasis upon the moral effect upon the Japanese if they cross that section of the Yellow River traversing Honan, which, for many centuries, has been the great dividing line. This achievement would make the Japanese feel they had made a major advance in the campaign.

Japanese operations, however, will continue to present difficulties so long as Changteh in northern Honan, remains their base of operations, for it is a good 75 miles from the Yellow River.

Under efficient generalship, foreign observers believe that it would not be difficult for the Chinese to prevent the Japanese from crossing the Yellow River, but Chinese failures elsewhere have not stimulated optimism. Once across the Yellow River, the Japanese would be able to reach Chengchow without difficulty. A glance at the map shows that the Lunghai railway is a sort of cross-bar between the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways. The fall of either of the junction cities—Chengchow or Hsuchow—is expected by observers to make the other untenable, except at the risk of huge casualties.—*Reuter.*

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

Old Course

9.12 Stubbs Shield Final tie.
9.16 S. S. Church, L. R. Cramer.
9.20 G. S. Hugh Jones, M. G. Marriott.
9.24 A. K. Mackenzie, F. Marshall.
9.28 C. M. Gee, J. E. Jupp.
9.32 G. C. Worrall, K. K. Rounds.
9.36 Comdr. Hole, A. V. Greaves.
9.40 A. Nicol, N. Garland.
9.44 J. Hall, A. Murdoch.
9.48 A. C. J. Bowker, R. K. Valentine.
9.52 H. A. Mills, C. C. Willson.
9.56 I. P. Tamworth, N. P. Fox.
10.00 H. R. B. Hancock, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.04 A. T. Lay, A. B. Raworth.
10.08 O. E. C. Marton, E. T. McMullen.
10.12 T. A. Pearce, A. E. Lissaman.
10.16 E. Norris, C. Finch.
10.20 W. Woodward, J. H. Underwood.
10.24 J. Stenersen, G. H. Bell.
10.28 G. Milne, A. A. Bremner.
10.32 G. S. Archbutt, H. S. Hills.
10.36 Col. Blake, Major McDonald.
10.40 V. R. Gordon, J. R. Collis.
10.44 R. Stock, A. Sommerfelt.
10.48 A. D. Humphreys, Col. Matthews.
10.52 L. Goldman, D. S. Edward.
10.56 G. E. R. Divett, Col. Austin.
11.00 A. E. Perry, G. F. O'Bryen.
11.04 R. A. Campbell, G. M. Park.
11.08 A. Corrighan, E. L. Groome.
11.12 I. H. Geare, A. B. Purves.
11.16 K. S. Morrison, J. A. D. Morrison.
11.20 H. N. Williamson, H. H. Mundy.
11.24 T. R. Chassels, A. C. Godby.
11.28 D. Humphreys, C. A. King.

New Course

9.16 J. B. H. Leckie, P. H. Scoones.
9.20 R. L. D. Wodehouse, A. Morse.
9.24 J. H. M. Andrew, O. J. Shannon.
9.28 J. L. Bonnar, R. E. H. Nelson.
9.36 J. F. Wright*, Wing Cdr. Bishop*.
9.40 Mrs. Garland, Miss Geen.
9.48 T. E. and J. L. C. Pearce*.
9.56 F. C. Young, G. T. May.
10.04 W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
10.08 Mrs. Smalley, C. J. Clackettle.
10.16 E. Laidlaw*, K. R. Quick*.
10.20 Mrs. Woodward, Miss Curtin.
10.28 A. H. Forbes*, Capt. Holmes*.
10.36 Mrs. Blake, Mrs. McDonald.
10.44 Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Holmes.
10.52 W. J. E. and Mrs. Mackenzie.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR RUMANIA'S QUEEN

Bucharest, Feb. 17.

Queen Marie of Rumania, who has been seriously ill during the past year, left for Italy to-day for special treatment.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

Merle Oberon and Brian Ahern e in "Beloved Enemy," the Samuel Goldwyn film which comes to the K ing's Theatre on Sunday.

Japan Wants Information About Biggest British Ships

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Mr. Hikari Nishio, noted critic, has urged the Government to build super-dreadnaughts if Britain declines to give Japan information concerning the specifications of H.M.S. Rodney and H.M.S. Nelson, and has proposed the creation of an international enquiry commission to ascertain, with Britain's permission, specifications of Britain's most powerful battleships.

Meanwhile the *Chugaishogyo*, a commercial daily paper, commenting on the current naval race, says there seems to be no chance of a disarmament conference in view of Mr. Cordell Hull's statement that the race has been brought about by Japan's refusal to give information of her building plans. The foreign powers have used the Japanese refusal to justify their expansion programme, the journal points out, and further says that Britain is already the world's strongest naval power, while the United States "has not the slightest fear of invasion by a foreign foe, nor a feeling of insecurity regarding national defence. Both Britain and the United States intend to expand their navies with possible future hostilities in the Far East as the object in view. Both countries are marking Japan in their expansion."—*Reuter.*

Foreigners To Help Make China Healthy

Hankow, Feb. 18.

Health experts commissioned to visit China by the health section of the League of Nations, in accordance with a resolution of the Assembly last October, arrived at Hankow yesterday. The aim of the mission is to cope, in co-operation with the Chinese health administration, with the outbreak of epidemics as a result of the present hostilities.

Members of the mission are M. Wingeller, and M. Etter, Swiss, Herr Relaiteir, a German, Herr Jettmar, an Austrian, and Mr. R. U. M. Robertson, a Briton. The group is visiting shortly Hupeh, Hunan, Honan, Shansi, Szechuen and Kiangsi, where it is organising epidemic prevention work under the direction of the Chinese health administration.

The Chinese Foreign Office has instructed local authorities to give the mission every facility necessary to aid its work.—*Reuter.*

SEIYUKAI PARTY MAY DISSOLVE

Tokyo, Feb. 18.

Convocation of an emergency general meeting of the Seiyukai, to discuss dissolution of the party and affiliation with the projected national political organisation is urged by Mr. Ichiro Kone, the party leader. A group of Seiyukaiers have already discussed the question at a meeting in the Diet Building.—*Reuter.*

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE WILL CLOSE

The Hongkong Stock Exchange will be closed at noon on February 21 and 22, race days.

GIVEN HIGH POST IN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

London, Feb. 17.

Sir John Gilmour, M.P. for Glasgow, has been appointed High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, $1,525 b. c. d.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £88 n. ex. div.
Chartered Banks, £12⅝ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, $82 n.

Insurances
Canton Ins., $260 n.
Union In., $505 b. and sa.
China Underwriters, $1.40 b.
H.K. Fire In., $240 n.

Shipping
Douglas, $60 b.
H.K. Steamboats, $11 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), $51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), $43 n.
Shell Bearer 88/1 n.
Union Waterboats, $9.30 b.

Docks etc.
H.K. & Wharves, $120 b.
H.K. W. Docks, $28.75 b.
Provindents (old), $2.60 b.
Providents (new), 60 cts. b.
New Engineerings, Sh. $5 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh.—
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.
Raubs, $7¼ n.
Venz: Goldfield, $4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.

Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. .65 sa.
Atoks, P. .28 sa.
Baguio Gold, P. .24 sa.
Benguet Consol., P. 9.80 sa.
Benguet Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Grove, P. .68 sa.
Consolidated Mines, P. —
Demonstrations, P. .43½ sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaus G'fields, P. —
Ipo Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. .75 sa.
Itogons, P. —
Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —
Paracale Gumous, P. .28 sa.
Salacot Mining, P. —
SanMauricio, P. .71 sa.
Suyoc Consol., P. .21½ sa.
United Paracales, P. .55 sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, $6.40 b.
H.K. Lands, $33¼ sa.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, $100 n.
S'hai Lands, Sh. $6.70 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, $8¾ n.
H.K. Ralies, $5.20 n.
Chinese Estates, $86 n.
China Realties, Sh. —
China Debent. —

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways, $15.25 n.
Peak Trams (old), $6½ b.
Peak Trams (new), $3¾ s.
Star Ferries $83¼ n.
Yumati Ferries (old), $25.35 sa.
China Light (old), $10.70 b.
China Light (new), $7.45 b.
H.K. Electric, $56 b.
Macao Electric, $10½ b.
Sandakan Lights, $14½ n.
Telephone (old), $25¾ s.
Telephone (new), $9 n.
China Buses, Sh. —
Singapore Tractions, 22/6 n.
Singapore Pref., 23/- n.

Industrials
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. $14¾ n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $15 n.
Canton Ices. $1.70 n.
Cement., $14.75 b.
H.K. Ropes, $4.50 b.

Stores, &c.
Dairy Farm, $25.25 n.
Watsons, $5.85 b.
Lane Crawfords, $7 n.
Sinceres, $1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), $39 n.
William Powell, Ltd. 65 cts. n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. $11½ n.
S'hai Cotton (old), Sh. $58 b.
Zoong Sings, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —

Miscellaneous
H.K. Entertainments, $6.25 b.
Constructions, $1½ b.
Vibro Piling, $6 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G$Bds. 65% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2½% prm. n.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan par n.
Wallace Harpers, $5¾ n.
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.), s/- 18/9 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.), s/- 5/- sa.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the radio station:—Vogtland, Ward, Fresno City, Fulda, Jeypore, Fingal, Changte, Empress Of Canada, Minoo Maru, Simmie, Aramis, President Grant, Tainan, Taiyuan, La Plata Maru, Strathmore, Hakusan Maru, and Fushimi Maru.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday says:

The market showed signs of some buoyancy with a fair all round enquiry. Advances were registered in Banks at $1,515, Kowloon Wharves at $120, Hotels at $6.30, Cements at $14½, Watsons at $5.65, H.K. Marsmans at 5/3.

Manila quotations were a shade lower, that market being reported as slightly easier.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank $1,515 c.d.
China Underwriters $1.40
Douglases $60
Union Waterboats $9.30
H.K. & K. Wharves $120
Providents (Old) $2.60
Providents (New) $0.50
H. & S. Hotels $6.30
Peak Trams (Old) $5½
Yaumati Ferries $25¼
China Lights (Old) $10.70
China Lights (New) $7.45
H.K. Electrics $56
Macao Electrics $19½
Cements $14½
H.K. Ropes $4½
Watsons $5.65
Entertainments $6¼
Constructions $1½
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 2¼% pm.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5/3

Sellers

Providents (New) $0.65
H.K. Tramways $15½
Peak Trams (New) $3¾
Telephones (Old) $25¾
Wm. Powell, td. $0.65

Sales

Hongkong Bank $1,510 c.d.
Union Insurance $505
Providents (Old) $2.55/60
Providents (New) $0.55/60
H. & S. Hotels $6¼
H.K. Realties $3.10/5.20
Yaumati Ferries $25.35
H.K. Eelctrics $56¼
Dairy Farms $23¼
Marsmans (H.K.) s/- 5/6
Antamoks Ps. 65 cts.
Atoks 28½ cts.
Baguio Gold 24 cts.
Benguet Consol 9.80 cts.
Coco Grove 69 cts.
Consolidated Mines .011 cts.
Demonstrations 44 cts.
I. X. L. 76 cts.
Paracale Gumaus 28 cts.
San Mauricio 73 cts.
Suyoc Consol 22 cts.
United Paracales 56 cts.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 17.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
March	8.85/85	8.96/96
May	8.95/95	9.06/06
July	9.00/02	9.13/14
October	9.12/12	9.24/25
December	9.13/13	9.25/25
January	9.16/16	9.27 N
Spot		9.06

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber

March	14.84/84	14.95/95
May	15.05/08	15.12/12
July	15.18/10	15.22/28
September	15.24/27	15.34/36
December	——	15.53/53
January	——	15.59 N

Sales for day:—6,750 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	92⅞/92	94¼/94
July	87⅞/87¾	89⅞/89⅝
Sept.	——	89⅝/89½

Wednesday's Sales: — 22,358,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	59/58¾	60½/60⅝
July	60⅛/60	61¾/61⅝
Sept.	——	62½/62⅝

Winnipeg Wheat

May	126¼/126⅛	127¾/127¼
July	——	118⅝/118¾
October	——	98⅝/98⅜

H.M. SHIPS' DISPOSITION

The following is the disposition of H.M. ships in North China: Shanghai, H.M.S. Grimsby; Tsingtao, H.M.S. Sandwich; Chefoo, H.M.S. Lowestoft; Weihaiwei, H.M.S. Delight and Capetown; Amoy, H.M.S. Daring; Swatow, H.M.S. Duchess.

FALLS FROM FIRST FLOOR

An unknown Chinese, about 25, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, with injuries to his body. It was learned that he had fallen from the first floor of the Chan Kwong tea shop, at Shanghai Street.

CLOTHING STOLEN FROM CAR

Lt. Mackenzie of the Seaforth Highlanders, has reported to the police that some person stole from his car clothing valued at £2 10s. while it was parked outside the Kowloon-Canton Railway Yards yesterday.

THRACIAN COMING BACK

H.M.S. Thracian is expected to arrive here to-morrow from Amoy where she has been stationed for some time.

QUARANTINE LIFTED

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Formosa against arrivals from Hongkong on account of cholera have been removed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS DURING THE RACES.

I.—It is hereby notified that on the days fixed for the Annual Race Meeting at Wong-Nei-Chong (February 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th), the following Regulations under Ordinance No. 2 of 1869, will be in force:—

1. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
2. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
3. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
4. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE:—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

II.—Extra Race Meetings during the year 1938.—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road.

Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

Parking of Cars at the Race Course.

1. The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.
2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.
3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 21st., 22nd and 23rd February, 1938. (RACE MEETING).

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Tennis Tournament

Entries close, TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 6 p.m.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of March, 1938, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1937, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.
W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.

14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, 10th March, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 26th February to 10th March, 1938, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1938.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

London, Feb. 17.

	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.
War Loan 3½% (Red. after 1952)	£103	£102.15/16
Canton-Kowloon Rly 5%	18	18
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 1898 (British issue)	75	75
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925-47	85	85
Chinese 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	85	85
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	46	47½
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	83	83
Chinese 8% Stg. Notes 1925 (Vickers)	14½	14½
Chinese Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	65	64½
Honan Rly. 5%, 1905	43	43
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	26½	26½
Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (German Issue)	25	25
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	17	17
Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5%	38	38
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	22	22
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd.)	22	22
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	22	22
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	22	22
Japan 5% Sterling 1907	48	50½
Japan 6% Sterling 1924	57½	59
Ger. 7% International Loan, 1924	54	54
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	12⅝	12¼
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	87	88
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp. (Colonial Reg.)	86⅝	90
Chinese Eng. & Min.	14/-	14/-
Chosen Corporation	9/6	8/9
Pekin Syndicate	2/-	2/-
S'hai Elec. Construction	31/3 Nom.	31/3 Nom.
S'hai Waterworks Co. "A"	19¼ Nom.	19½ Nom.
Union Insurance Society of Canton	30 Nom.	30 Nom.
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	25/-	25/-
Allied Ironfounders	23/6	22/9
Assoc. & Elec. Industries	38/9	38/6
Austin Motors, ord.	28/1½	27/6
Cable & Wireless, New Form,fll ord.	65	63¼
British-American Tob. (bearer)	104/4½	103/9
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/7½	8/4½
Mexican Eagle	20/-	19/9
Courtaulds	42/-	39/4½
Distillers	90/9	97/6
Dunlop Rubber	31/3	31/-
General Elec. (England)	68/9	68/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	123/3	122/3
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	22/7½	22/4½
Bristol Aeroplane	48/4½	47/6
Imperial Chemical Indus.	31/6	30/6
Imperial Tobacco	140/7½	140/-
Marks & Spencer, "A"	52/10½	51/10½
Rolls Royce	86/6	83/9
Leyland Motors	78/9	76/10½
Tate & Lyle	70/6	70/4½
Turner & Newall	78/-	76/6
United Steel	14/6	14/4½
Smethwick Drop Forgings	18/-	18/-
Armstrong Stevens, ord.	7/6	7/6
Pressed Steel, com.	14/4½	14/-
Vickers, ord.	21/6	21/4½
Woolworths	62/6	61/7½
Anglo-Dutch	25/6	25/-
Rubber Plantation Invest. Trust	24/6	24/-
Burma Corporation	10/3	10/-
Commonwealth Mining	2/4½	2/3
Marsman Investments	18/9	18/9
Randfontein Estates	51/10½	51/3
Exploration Co.	2/-	2/-
Sub-Nigel	208/9	208/9
Tanami Gold Mining	6 d	6 d
Anglo-Iranian	76/3	75/7½
Burmah	106/3	103/9
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	89/4½	88/1½

—Reuter.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. London	1s. 2⅞
Demand	1s. 2⅞
T.T. Shanghai	104¼
T.T. Singapore	52⅞
T.T. Japan	106¼
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	31⅛
T.T. Manila	62½
T.T. Batavia	55½
T.T. Bangkok	149½
T.T. Saigon	93¾
T.T. France	9.40
T.T. Germany	76¾
T.T. Switzerland	133½
T.T. Australia	1/6½

Buying

4 m/s L/C London	1/3⅛
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3.5/32
4 m/s L/c. U.S.A.	31¾
4 m/s France	10.00
30 d/s India	83½
U.S. Cross rate in London	5.03

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TELEPHONES

Seeks Peace For America's Industries

Washington, Feb. 17.

President F. D. Roosevelt to-day received the Business Advisory Council's recommendations concerning the Relations Act, which is an effort to bring about industrial peace in the United States.

The Act provides there shall be no favour to any particular form of labour organisation, either industrial or craft. Further it will insure employees freedom from coercion from any source, whether by the management or the Union. Thirdly it will allow employers, as well as employees, to invoke the Services Board. It will also separate the fact-finding and judicial duties of the Board which are at present combined in a single Board, and finally will more specifically define the rights and obligations of employers and employees.—*United Press.*

15 Strokes Of Cane For Young Thief

Three days' imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane was the sentence received by a young man named Lo Chiu, 19, when he admitted a charge of larceny of a pair of gold earrings before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Sergeant Cullinan said that the complainant, a 66-year-old widow, was in Waterloo Road yesterday when the defendant went up to her from the back and snatched the earrings. A Chinese constable arrested the defendant on a hill behind the Kowloon Hospital.

ATTEMPT TO PASS FORGED NOTE NOT PROVED

Going on remand before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning a man named Ng On, 32, was discharged on counts of having uttered a forged $1 Hongkong Government currency note on January 13, unlawful possession of the note, of having uttered a similar note on January 14 and with unlawful possession on that occasion.

The defendant was alleged to have tendered the notes whilst purchasing cigarettes in a store in Argyle Street on the days mentioned in the charge. He was acquitted on the first two charges because there was not enough evidence to show that he was the man who had tendered the forged note, and on the third and fourth charges, because there was not sufficient evidence to show that he had known that the note was forged.

The defendant was legally represented by Mr. M. W. Lo.

HUSBAND FACES CRUELTY CHARGE

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, David Law, of Hennessy Road, was summoned on three counts for having, on various dates between December 10, 1931 and January 9, 1938, in various places, been guilty of persistent cruelty to his *kit-fat* wife, Marian Chiu, of 83 Hennessy Road, ground floor; deserting her on or about October 10, 1936; and failing to provide reasonable maintenance for her and her children from December 10, 1937.

Law denied the first two charges, and in respect of the third count, said he had been ill in November, 1937, and had heavy medical expenses. He also added that he was willing to live with his wife again.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented complainant.

The hearing was adjourned to 11.15 on February 24.

EURASIA PLANES RESUME FLIGHTS

Hankow, Feb. 18.

The Eurasia Aviation Company has resumed its regular air mail and passenger-service between Sianfu, Lanchow and Ningsia.—*Reuter.*

STOLE HANDKERCHIEF

A remand of 72 hours was ordered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when Leung Kan, 26, unemployed, was charged with larceny of a handkerchief from the person of Tsoi Shek-ying, 27, a woman, at Des Voeux Road Central, near The Sun Co., Ltd. Ten previous convictions were revealed against defendant.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON VISITING HONGKONG

Sir Victor Sassoon, well-known race horse owner and winner of the Hongkong Derby last year with Happy Eve, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the P. and O. liner Carthage. He will stay at Government House for a few days before he leaves next Friday.

FRANCO REPLIES TO BRITISH NOTE

London, Feb. 17.

The British Government has received a reply from General Franco upon representations made regarding the recent air attack on the British steamship, Alcoria. The note is now under examination.—*British Wireless.*

INJURED FOKI RECOVERING

ALLEGED ASSAILANT'S BAIL REDUCED

Appearing on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with assaulting Chau Sham, 41, a junk foki, Keung Lin-to, 36, carpenter, was remanded for a further week.

Inspector A. Wrigh said that Chau, who had been admitted to hospital with a ruptured spleen on February 2, and who was considered to be in a serious condition at one time, would be able to leave hospital by next week.

Mr. C. A. Sutherton Russ, appearing for Keung applied for a reduction of bail, which was granted. Bail, previously fixed at $2,500, was reduced to $25.

THREE THIEVES TO DO HARD LABOUR

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed on Chan Hon, 32, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with the larceny of 140 catties of boards from a house under construction in Morrison Hill Road. Inspector A. V. Baker said defendant had two previous convictions, including one for burglary.

Charged with the theft of a board from Stone Nullah Lane, Lam Wah, 33, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. He also had two previous convictions.

Ho Yeung, 28, unempolyed, charged with stealing a foot-board from a shop in Stone Nullah Lane, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. He also admitted having signed a bond to be of good behaviour last year, and for breaking this he was fined $10 or a further three weeks' hard labour.

OPIUM OFFENCES BRING FINES

For the possession of a quantity of prepared opium in a house at Tsung Sau Street, West Point, Chan Tai, 45, unemployed, was fined $50 with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour on appearing before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Li Chang, 27, unemployed, charged with the possession of six mace of prepared opium at an address in Queen's Road West, and with keeping the flat as an opium divan, was fined a total of $30 or two months' hard labour in default.

Detective-Sergeant J. Allen prosecuted.

ADMITS THEFT OF TYPEWRITER

With 10 previous convictions to his discredit, Li Wing, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and to be under police supervision for two years, by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning when he pleaded guilty of theft of a portable typewriter from the matrons' room of the Nethersole Hospital, Caine Road, on Wednesday.

Inspector Kirby said that defendant was questioned outside the Hon Cheong pawn shop, and admitted the theft. The machine was valued at $150.

OWNER OF STILL PUNISHED

Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day imposed fines totalling $290.80 on a man named Lam Chuen, 28, who was charged with unlawful possession of an unlicensed still, distilling spirits, possession of fermenting material and possession of dutiable liquor. If the fines are not paid Lam will have to go to gaol for four months.

Revenue Officer Warden said that Lam was arrested when a raid was carried out last night on the ground floor of a house in Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon.

SAID MONEY WAS HIS

Declaring that the money was his own, and that he had not stolen it, Li Ming, 46, unemployed, was discharged when he appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the larceny of $2 from Szeto Kong, a visitor to the Colony. Inspector A. V. Baker said that the complainant had left for Batavia. The case was dismissed owing to the lack of evidence.

TREE CUTTER GETS ON PRIVATE LAND

A fine of $6 or four weeks' hard labour in default was imposed on Lo Chung, 27, unemployed, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, for cutting trees in the grounds of No. 46 Stubbs Road, the residence of Mr. D. G. E. Middleburg, of the Netherlands Consulate.

ROOSEVELT STUDIES U.S. PRICE POLICY

Washington, Feb. 17.

Government economists conferred with President Franklin Roosevelt to-day. Mr. Henry Morgenthau submitted the results of the Treasury's study of the national price structure, but he refrained from making comments on it. However, he indicated that President Roosevelt might announce his price policy to the press on Friday.—*United Press.*

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	February 19.
Swatow	Nanning	February 19.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	February 19.
Japan	Delagoa Maru	February 20.
Straits	Jeypore	February 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	February 20.
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Friday		
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C., Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Fri., Feb. 18. K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. G.P.O. Reg., Feb. 18, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 6 a.m.
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th March.	Carthage	Fri., Feb. 18. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Parcels, Feb. 18, 5.00 p.m. Reg., Feb. 19, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Sat., Feb. 19, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	Sat., Feb. 19. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. Feb. 19, 9.00 a.m. Ord. Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 27th February	Carthage	Sat., Feb. 19. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 10.00 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Sat., Feb. 19, 10.00 a.m.
Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg.	Fulda	Sat., Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Tingsang	Sat., Feb. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Pronto	Sat., Feb. 19, 4.00 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Chungking	Sat., Feb. 19, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles 6th March.	Pres. Doumer	Sat., Feb. 19. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 19, 4 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Japan	Kutsang	Sat., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Saigon, *Ceylon, *India, *E. and *S. Africa, *Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 19th March.	Pres. Doumer	Sat., Feb. 19. Reg., Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Naples—due Naples, 12th March.	Victoria	Sat., Feb. 19. G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg., Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m. Ord., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 28th February	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 19 G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg., Feb. 19, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 20, 9 a.m.

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Britain Still Backs Stresa Understanding

Not Able To Judge Effect Of Austro-German Accord

London, Feb. 17.

The policy of the British Government continued to be inspired by the joint resolution of the Stresa Conference, declared Lord Halifax, Lord President of the Council, when replying to-day for the Government in the foreign affairs debate. Lord Halifax added that the efficacy of that resolution depended upon the loyal co-operation of all parties to it—Britain, France and Italy—and not on the British Government alone.

So far as the resolution referred to to the maintenance of the independence of Austria, the Government was not yet in a position to estimate the effects of the recent Austro-German agreement, but Government was watching the situation developing with close attention.

Lord Halifax reaffirmed Britain's desire for peace and world appeasement, and, in referring to Germany, said the Government was pursuing with energy, examination of the questions raised when he visited Berlin.

Lord Halifax added: "Not the least of the problems confronting us to-day is to make provision for securing a peace which may not exclude peaceful revision and change where such may be rightly required."—*Reuter.*

EUROPEANS FINED

Many Europeans were included among those summoned for various traffic offences before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. B. Astington, of the Swedish Match Co., Ltd., was fined $20 for causing an obstruction with his motor car at Stubbs Road on the evening of February 8. Lance-Sergeant Davies said the car was parked on the bend below Gough Hill police station, and left little room for other vehicles to pass.

Mrs. E. H. B. Neill, of "Homestead," Shek-O, was fined $3 for driving her car in a westerly direction in Chater Road, which was prohibited. Mrs. Lina Azzollini, of Waterloo Road, summoned for a similar offence, was cautioned.

Mr. M. F. L. D'Arcy Evans, of Gap Road, summoned for leaving his motor car unattended in Chater Road on February 5, was fined $4. Mr. P. H. Macmillan, of the 8th Heavy Bty., R.A., was fined $3 for parking his car beyond the time limit of two hours in Pedder Street on February 8.

Summoned for speeding at 28 miles per hour in Queen's Road West on February 3, Mak Lam, driver of motor bus No. 606, was let off with a caution, as he had a good driving record. Police-Sergeant L. C. Pennell said he followed Mak from Belcher Street to Hill Road and found defendant's speed to be 28 miles per hour.

Mr. Chan Pak-chuen was fined $5 for failing to have proper number plates fitted to his car. Traffic-Inspector S. C. Saunders said defendant had been warned by letter to alter his number plates, but the warning had been ignored.

JAPAN TO BUILD NEW CHINA

Implores Help Of World Powers

London, Feb. 17.

Japan will maintain her policy of an "Open Door" for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the Chinese people, and will welcome the cultural and economic co-operation of the interested powers, especially Great Britain, in the rehabilitation of China, declared Viscount Ishii to-night at a dinner of the Japan Society, at which he was the guest of honour.

Viscount Ishii said: "Our entire objective is the stabilisation, once and for all, of our relations with China upon a basis which cannot be destroyed from time to time at the whim of a Chinese Government, hostile to us, as so often has occurred in the past."

Japan desired the restoration of China as her natural market, said the speaker, and emphasised that the re-establishment of such a market would go far in relieving trade competition throughout the world. But the restoration of that market must depend upon the rehabilitation and reconstruction of China herself.

This could only be brought about by the closest co-operation between Japan and Britain. It was folly to talk about Japan's desire to evict foreign interests, for without the co-operation of other powers, Japan could not attain the object she had in view. "A reconstructed China, working amicably with us all will bring about that permanent peace in the Far East which Japan, no less than any other country, so earnestly desires," concluded Viscount Ishii.—*Reuter.*

PASSENGER HURT IN CAR CRASH

SEVERAL REPORTS OF TRAFFIC MISHAPS

Yu Fook, driver of a public motor car, has reported to the police that while driving along Castle Peak Road with two passengers, he tried to pass a stationary car, parked near the Wai Chiu village. In doing so he swerved to the right, and collided with an oncoming car.

Mrs. Samson, one of his passengers, sustained slight head injuries.

Lo Wing-kau, eight-year-old boy, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment to his head and leg injuries sustained when knocked down by a car driven by Sun Tak-ming, at Hennessy Road, near Canal Road West.

Wong Kan, licensed lorry driver, has reported to the police that while proceeding along Des Voeux Road West, near Kui Sheung Street, he knocked down Kwong Tin, 54, who suffered injuries to his right foot.

Lee Hau, driver of a lorry, has reported to the police that his machine collided with a tram refuge centre at Hennessy Road, and knocked down Lee Tong who suffered slight injuries.

GANG OF CHINESE ARRESTED WITH FORGED NOTES

Six Chinese, including two women, appeared on remand before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with possession of a large quantity of Chinese forged notes.

Det. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan prosecuted, and a week's formal remand was granted. Mr. McCallum was present for two men defendants.

TROUBLE IN INDIA

Ministers Resign: White Papor To Be Issued

London, Feb. 17.

In the House of Lords the Marquess of Lothian asked the Secretary of State for India if he would issue a White Paper giving information on the "unfortunate crisis that had arisen between His Majesty's ministers in certain provinces in India and the Governors", and in particular any statements issued by the Governors explaining their attitude.

Lord Zetland replied: "I profoundly regret that two of the Ministers have found it necessary to resign, more particularly as it seems to me a difference between them and the Governor-General which was cause of their resignation, seems to have been one of degree rather than of kind, as I hope will become clear when I supply information for which Lord Lothian has asked. I shall be only too happy to provide the House with the information. The White Paper will be issued with the least possible delay.—*British Wireless.*

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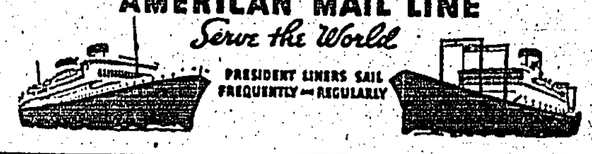

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ITALIAN FINGERS IN ARAB PIE

The Arab and Egyptian do not see eye to eye about Mussolini.

Actually, of course, the Egyptian is by race an Arab but his political outlook is essentially different. This essential difference is due to the fact that the Egyptian has got what he wants—independence—and the Arab in Palestine, for instance, has not.

So the Egyptian's desire in foreign affairs is to hold what he has got. Mussolini's wireless propaganda falls on deaf and indeed suspicious ears. The Egyptian does not like the massing of troops on the Libyan frontier and events in Abyssinia are too recent to be forgotten. Consequently Great Britain, as a powerful ally who is as interested as Egypt herself in maintaining the *status quo*, is increasing in popularity while Italian stock is at a discount.

"The situation is quite other in Palestine," says Hebe Spaull, noted League of Nations political expert. "The struggle between Jew and Arab in Palestine—due to no racial antagonism but solely to a conflict of political aims—is precisely the kind of troubled water in which Fascist Italy knows well how to fish. The intense political passions of the moment prevent the Arab from taking an objective view of the profferred friendship of Italy, and attacks on Great Britain as the Power who is responsible for the pregent regime find a ready echo from the Arab. That Italy has no interest in liberating subject peoples from an Imperial yoke may be obvious to almost everybody; but the Arab is an easy victim at the moment."

Great Britain did a wise thing in giving Egypt her independence when she did. She gained a good friend and the League of Nations a loyal Member at a time when added strength was needed. Unfortunately the problem of Palestine is much more complicated and difficult of solution. If the problem *can* be solved in a way that will be just to the Jews and give reasonable satisfaction to the Arabs it should do a great deal to bring stability both to the Near East and the Mediterranean.

Child's Death A Mystery

The mystery of the death of a small girl, Lam Yuet, who was brought dead to a hospital with injuries which indicated that she had been punched occupied the attention of Mr. Barnett and a jury at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Barnett remarked that the jury would probably find it impossible to come to a verdict as there was a lack of sufficient evidence.

The girl, he said, was brought dead to the Kwong Wah Hospital on January 9, by a woman who said she was her mother. Giving a false name and address she said the child had died of fever but it was found that she had a fractured skull.

Dr. J. M. Gray, who performed a post mortem declared that the girl had a very marked blackening of the left eye, the bruise extended to the left temple. She appeared to have been punched.

There was much intra-cranial haemorrhage around the left frontal region above the eye and a distinct fracture. There was slight evidence of enteritis and pulmonary tuberculosis and in his opinion, she had been a weakly child.

The cause of death was fracture of the skull, haemorrhage and shock.

The hearing was adjourned to March 3.

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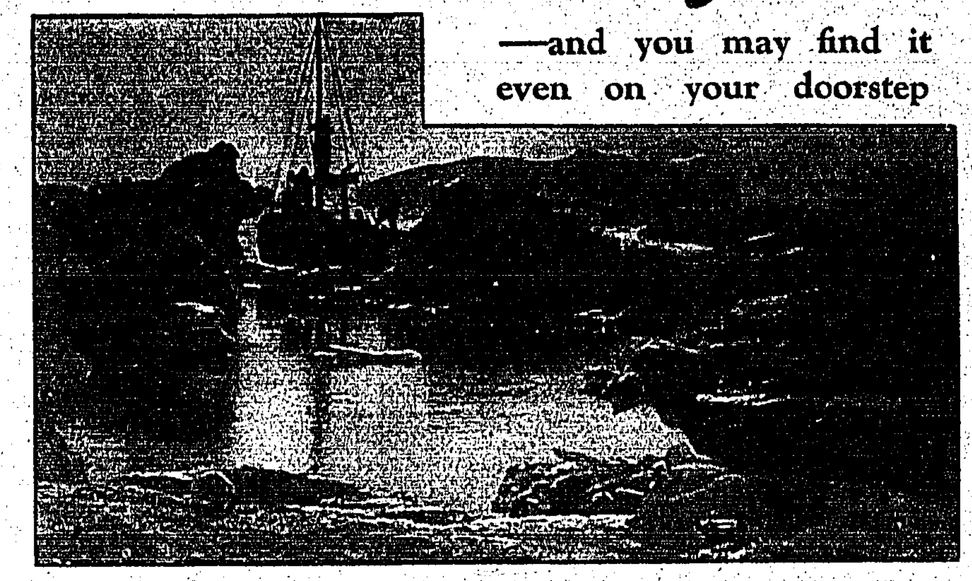

In the Antarctic, but it might be almost anywhere!

WE have come to think of a world shrunk by rapid transport and communications, of inaccessible places traversed by aeroplanes, of the North Pole as a base for an air service, the Antarctic as the place from which Admiral Byrd chatted casually to his United States radio audience.

A generation of young Alexanders is sighing for new worlds to conquer.

But Shiva's Temple, the ascent of which has attracted world-wide attention, may remind us that we have not done the job of exploring as thoroughly as we imagined.

HUNDREDS of thousands of holiday-makers have gazed at Shiva's Temple. The regular air-services, night and day, cross the Grand Canyon on their way from New York to San Francisco—a "Lost World" in the heart of civilisation.

I was speaking, the other day, to Dr. H. R. Mill, the famous geographer, a living encyclopædia of world-exploration, especially of the Antarctic. But, within sight of his own birthplace—Thurso, in the far north of Scotland—there is an island which has never been explored. It is a "Shiva's Temple" on our own doorstep.

"I don't believe that the foot of man has ever trodden on Clett," he said, "although it is within a stone's throw of Holburn Head. Its precipitous sides defy climbers, and the only way to land would be to drop from an aeroplane or a balloon. There is not likely to be anything spectacular there, but there is life—in the form of vegetation, at least.

"Then there is the Old Man of Hoy, off the Orkneys . . ."

OUT in the Atlantic, beyond St. Kilda, and about a hundred miles from the coast of Scotland, is Rockall, "the Island-that-Hates-to-be-Visited." Many expeditions have tried to land there—Dr. Mill once borrowed a gun-boat to attempt it—but have been driven off by the breakers.

If those are too near home for our modern adventurers, the Unknown World has plenty of other places to offer them.

There is the Matto Grosso, the Central Plateau of Brazil, about which less is known than about any area of equal size in the world. Vast tracts of jungle keep the secrets of its strange and dangerous tribes and of its animal life.

COLONEL FAWCETT, his son, and Raleigh Rimmel, both in their early twenties, perished there in the summer of 1925. Or did they? That is one of the great question marks in the history of exploration.

Colonel Fawcett was in search of a "Lost World." It is an area about which imagination could, and can still, run riot, unchallenged—White Indians, prehistoric monsters, incalculable treasure, ruined cities and forgotten civilisations.

Fawcett believed in the cities.

In a territory of hidden, hostile Indian tribes, his guides deserted him. He and his young companions went on, and, almost certainly, perished in an ambush.

But legends are begotten of such mysteries, and a trapper named Rattin brought back news of a tall white man with a long beard dressed in skins . . . Fawcett? —

Twelve years have passed. The quest of "The White God" of the Indians will tempt future expeditions into the treacherous Matto Grosso in the wake of Colonel Fawcett.

In the jungles of Central and South America are the relics of the Aztec and Inca civilisations—maybe even Eldorado, which dangled its golden lure before the Spanish Conquistadors and before adventurers ever since.

British Guiana, although it is part of the Empire, has not yet been fully explored. Aeroplane surveys are revealing the secrets of its hinterland, but only desperate "foot-slogging" will ever wrest from it the secrets of its birds and animal life, hints of which were brought back, by a recent expedition, in the form of golden frogs.

ON the frontiers of Bolivia and Peru lies Lake Titilaca, the highest lake in the world, 12,500 feet above sea-level. Here legend (as usual) has it that the Incas dumped £50,000,000 (the odd half-pennies don't matter) into it to save it from the Spanish invaders.

But that is not what the British scientific expedition—sponsored by Professor J. S. Gardiner, of Cambridge, the Percy Sladen Trustees, the Royal Society and the British Museum—is seeking there. They went to find how certain sea-water fish and sea-level animals found their way to Titilaca, and to see whether, by any means, the mineral resources—copper, silver and lead—might be developed.

IN the Gobi Desert, vast, desolate, dangerous, with extremes of cold more severe than the Poles, mysteries still remain to tempt men and women to desperate adventures. It holds in its fossils and bone remains the secrets of primæval life and of prehistoric animals.

Tibet, still a Forbidden Land, although the priestly lamas, today, may listen-in on radio sets, beckons persistently to explorers, tempting them to furtive expeditions in search of flowers that may one day grace a suburban rockery, and in search of strange lore and strange customs.

Western China is a land of mystery, and the Chinese would like to keep it so until their own explorers can chart it and reveal its secrets. But the "Shangri-la," the happy valley of "Lost Horizon," may not be merely the fancy of James Hilton or of the Hollywood film-makers.

Great valleys, locked by mountains that daunt the most adventurous, lie on the frontiers of China and Tibet—valleys that our civilisation cannot touch, but whose own, for all we know, may be superior, in sanity, to ours.

WHERE Burma joins with India there are mountains and valleys which have defied the white man. Jim Matthews, who, with his comrade Hook, attempted a flight to Australia and crashed in the Burmese jungle, described to me vast mountain-locked valleys over which they passed, inaccessible to the outer world, even to airmen, who could never find a landing ground.

Arctic Canada and the glaciers of the Rockies offer endless possibilities; and Antarctica, grave of Scott and his companions, the death-lure of Shackleton, the desperate dream of all great explorers, may be part of the Lost Continent of Gondwanaland, which once filled the Indian Ocean and linked Africa, Asia and Australia. Beneath its ice-cap almost certainly lie vast mineral resources.

One day, I predict, Man will inhabit that Continent, create there vast subterranean cities and tap its wealth.

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P. B. Clark, the Corinthians captain, knowing our capabilities on the field, didn't want us to play, but at last grudgingly consented.

Our grandfather insisted on a third man in the team.

"Otherwise," he said, "who is going to bring on the drinks?"

"They are 11 to our two," we replied. "Let them bring on the drinks."

"Not on your life," said the old man. So we made Bill Prydo third man.

We stunned C. Longman, their goalie, with our first ball, which we shot into the goal so swiftly that the wind blew the matting off the grand stand.

Clark came at us pretty niftily at times, but we had a few dud ten cent pieces which we were able to scatter around the field fairly indiscriminately. Yes, he comes from Scotland.

We headed beautifully from Wright, who sent us up an easy one at silly mid-on, just near the three-quarter line.

After that they seemed to lose their mornie and in no time we had them out for 40-love.

We will not go into vainglorious details about the magnificent display we made in the second half. Suffice it to say that the Committee of the Football Association came to us in a body and asked us not to knock the visitors about too much, as they had to play three games against Hongkong later in the week.

"Listen," they said, "it's bad enough you belting these poor lads. But don't go knocking the balls about so much. You've already punctured eight of them. Go easy."

After that we contented ourself with lobbing them into the net three or four times every minute. Our grandfather just sat down on the side-lines, nibbling the oranges. He wasn't necessary.

SCORES

Corinthians ..... Nil

Kelly Team ..... 126.

No wonder the chaps are not looking forward to playing against Hongkong to-morrow. They're thoroughly cowed.

We were a bit cowed ourself when we went home.

It goes like this——

"Can't you learn to wipe your feet when you come inside. Why must you wear those filthy football things" and so on.

And we say, "Well, I think I'll take a bath. I'm feeling a bit grubby."

"You can't have a bath."

"Why can't I?"

"The small's in there!"

"Oh, well, I think I'll stroll down to the Peninsula."

Home! Bah!

"Come on, pup!"

Huge Profit Shown By H.K. Electric

Final Divident And Bonus Total $2.50

At the ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., to be held on Thursday, March 10th at 11 a.m., the directors subject to audit, will recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:

To pay a final dividend of $1.50 per share making, with the interim dividend of $1.00 per share paid on September 9, 1937, a total of $2.50 per share on 600,000 shares.	$1,500,000.00
To pay a bonus of 50 cents per share on 600,000 shares.	300,000.00
To place to Reserve ...	100,000.00
To carry forward to next account.	266,002.26
	$2,166,002.26

The Company has benefited through the abnormal conditions obtaining during the latter part of the year 1937.

New Vessel Launched At Taikoo

CONSTRUCTED FOR CALCUTTA PORT COMMISSIONER

Constructed to the order of the Commissioners for the Port of Calcutta the Pathfinder was successfully launched at Taikoo Dockyard yesterday afternoon.

The naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. T. S. Morrison, wife of the Senior Surveyor for Lloyd's Register of Shipping in Hongkong.

The Pathfinder was built under special survey to Lloyd's highest class and Board of Trade requirements, and will be used for carrying out river survey work, laying buoys and attendance on shore stations on the River Hooghly. Speed in service will be 12 knots.

Mander Asks If U.S. Will Share Docks

London, Feb. 17.

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lib.) will ask Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, on February 22 "if the British Government would be prepared to enter into negotiations with the United States Government for the latter's use, by lease or otherwise, of a portion of the Singapore naval dock."—Reuter.

BRITISH MISSION OFF TO PORTUGAL

London, Feb. 17.

The British Service mission to Portugal will leave Southampton on R.M.S. Alcantara to-morrow. The purpose of the mission, which consists of Vice-Admiral Wodehouse, Colonel Daly and Group Captain Field, is to establish closer contact between the Services of the countries in view of the common maritime interests and the long established friendships which exist between Great Britain and Portugal.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. J. P. Braga Convalescing

The many friends and business associates of Mr. J. P. Braga will be pleased to learn that he has now left Queen Mary Hospital and has returned home, where he is convalescing.

Mr. Braga was taken to hospital a month ago and has been under the care of Professor W. I. Gerrard. He is now progressing favourably and is slowly regaining his strength.

MINERS DECORATED BY THE KING

London, Feb. 17.

Among the recipients of a decoration from the King at Buckingham Palace to-day at the second investiture in connection with the New Year's Honours were two miners—brothers—from Staffordshire, who had been awarded medals in recognition of their bravery in a colliery accident last year.—*British Wireless.*

COST OF LIVING INDEX FLUCTUATES

London, Feb. 17.

The Ministry of Labour cost of living index at February 1 showed a fall to 57 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, from 59 per cent. at January 1, but a rise from 51 per cent. in February, 1936.—*British Wireless.*

JAPANESE FAIL TO TAKE WEIHWEI

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element. Leaders and soldiers alike appear to be confident.

Preserve No Base

General Li Chung-jen's chief of staff told me that the difference between this strategy and that practised by the Eighth "Red" Route Army, lies in the fact that the latter holds no district as a base, but keeps moving constantly.

When I pointed out that the Eighth Army holds the Taihsin mountain district he expressed the belief that if the Japanese sent a large force against them there the Eighth Army would move west.

This new strategy is not guerilla warfare. It has all the elements of frontal fighting, flanking and defence movements, and mobile attacking units as well as guerilla troops are included in the scheme. —*United Press.*

Chinese To Cross Hwai River

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

The Chinese forces on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway recaptured Hsino Pengpu and Tsaolnochi on the northern bank of the Hwai River yesterday, and are preparing to cross the river to counter-attack the Japanese on the southern bank.

During their retreat across the river at Hsino Pengpu yesterday morning, the Japanese troops suffered many casualties as a result of the destruction of all their pontoon bridges by Chinese gunfire, whilst Japanese losses on the northern bank of the river during the last few days are estimated at about 3,000.

After the withdrawal of the main body of Japanese troops from the northern bank of the river, those left at Hwaiyuan are said to have been placed in a precarious position. Chinese forces have reached Shangkiaochi, a point only about five miles from Hwaiyuan and are preparing to storm the city at any time.

Still Encircled

Meanwhile, Tingyuan on the left bank of the railway, south of the Hwai River, which is now in Japanese hands, has been encircled by the Chinese forces. Shuangchiachien, east of Tingyuan, was recaptured by the Chinese on February 15.

On the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway the Chinese are still encircling Llanghsiathien where another abortive attempt was made yesterday by the Japanese to break the siege. However, at Tsowhsien the Japanese succeeded yesterday in pushing the Chinese back some distance in a fierce onslaught with the assistance of large reinforcements from Yenchow. The Chinese are now maintaining positions at Tschshan, to the south.—*Central News.*

Wushing, Changhing Encircled

Kwangtch, Feb. 18.

Both Wushing and Changhing have been encircled by Chinese forces, according to reports received here.

After smashing the first and second Japanese lines of defence at Linchengkiao and Hunghsikiao, the Chinese forces advancing on Wushing are now only five kilometres from the city whilst those attacking Changhing besiege the city on the west, south and north sides, the reports state.

Three squadrons of Chinese planes effectively bombed Japanese troop concentrations at Wukang, a town between Wushing and Hangchow, yesterday morning. About 16 bombs were dropped on the Japanese, inflicting many casualties. —*Central News.*

Japanese Advancing On Hofei

Shouhsien, Feb. 18.

Japanese units pushing westward from Chuanchiao in east Anhwei by the Chuanchiao-Hofei highway have been halted near Kuanchiapa, some 80 kilometres east of Hofei, but another batch of Japanese vanguards has reached Changhweichi, northwest of Kwanchiapa. It is believed that the objective of these Japanese troops is Hofei, the important central Anhwei town.—*Central News.*

Guerillas Attack Chucheng

Hsuchow, Feb. 18.

Chinese mobile units have made several surprise attacks on Chucheng in east Shantung during the last few days, according to military reports.

On one occasion, the reports state, the Chinese guerillas succeeded in breaking into the walled city and engaged the Japanese in street fighting.—*Central News.*

LORRY DRIVER TO PAY $50 TO WIDOW

A fine of $100, with an order that $50 be paid to the deceased's widow, was ordered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Wong Yuk-tong, 27, lorry driver, appeared on remand. Wong was found guilty of driving without due care and caution at Connaught Road West, near Water Street, on January 23.

It was stated that Wong whilst attempting to overtake another lorry he knocked down a coolie, named Chan Chiu, who died at the hospital. Traffic-Inspector S. C. Saunders prosecuted.

AUSTRIAN CRISIS HAS WIDE REPERCUSSIONS

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were not prepared to vigorously object to an enlargement of Nazi influence in Austria.—*United Press.*

Initiating Reforms

Berlin, Feb. 18.

Herr Seyssinquart, one of the Nazi "strong men" of Austria who has been elevated to Cabinet-rank as a result of the pressure put on Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, is here to confer with Herr Adolf Hitler. He has mapped out his programme. It is understood it entails intense "nazification" of Austria in every field, including the military, political, economic and cultural.

It is understood the programme was further elaborated following M. Seyssinquart's revelation that apparently the danger of forceful resistance had disappeared. Well-informed quarters state that Vienna has agreed to permit 1,000 Nazis who had fled to Germany to return to Austria.

Herr Seyssinquart has conferred with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the new German Foreign Minister.

It is believed in Vienna that Herr Hitler is subjecting Dr. Schuschnigg to constant pressure to force Austria's withdrawal from the League of Nations, to engage her participation in the anti-Comintern pact to co-operate in Germany's four-year economic plan and to agree to an Austro-German customs union.—*United Press.*

Nazis Quelled In Prague

Prague, Feb. 18.

Nazis attempted to disperse a meeting of Social Democrats in the Carlsbad Hotel last night.

Police intervened. In the fight which ensued a Nazi deputy, Herr Wollner, was seriously injured. Twenty Nazis were arrested.

The meeting was then permitted to continue.—*United Press.*

Mr. Eden's Statement

London, Feb. 17.

The House of Commons again displayed great interest at question time in the new Austro-German agreement. Answering the opposition leader, the Foreign Secretary said he had received certain information regarding it, but as the terms had not yet been made public, he was unable to give any detailed information to the House. He hoped to be in a position to make a statement at an early date, perhaps to-morrow.

Mr. Eden added "Meanwhile, in view of statements in the press, I should perhaps add that His Majesty's Minister in Vienna was informed of the proposed meeting between the Austrian Chancellor and Herr Hitler on the eve of the meeting itself. The views or advice of His Majesty's Government were not invited in connection with that meeting. While at the present moment I am not in a position to estimate the exact effect of this agreement, His Majesty's Government is following the developments with close attention, and His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin has already been instructed to indicate to the German Government the interest His Majesty's Government takes and has always taken in the Austria question."

Ready For Consultations

Asked by Mr. C. Attlee to clarify his remarks yesterday about the Stresa declaration, Mr. Eden said: "I stated that the declaration about the integrity and independence of Austria was reaffirmed by the Stresa conference where the machinery was agreed for consultation. Perhaps I should make it clear, so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned that it has been and still is prepared for such consultations."

He declined to answer without notice, another supplementary question of the Labour Leader's about Czechoslovakia but declared: "I should like to assure the House that this country has always had the friendliest of feelings towards the Czechoslovakian nation, and is fully aware of the treaties which bind Czechoslovakia to the other great powers."

Mr. Winston Churchill then enquired about the League of Nation's duties and responsibilities in respect of Austria's independence. Mr. Eden admitted there was that aspect of the question remarking: "At the same time it is our view for the particular circumstances of the Stresa declaration that we are willing to act with others but we do not think it lies with us to take the initiative."

Asked by the liberal M.P., Mr. G. A. Mander if the Austrian Government had asked the British Government what measure of support, if any, would be granted to them if it resisted the German demand, Mr. Eden replied: "I thought my answer made quite clear no such suggestion was ever made to His Majesty's Government." In a final reply Mr. Eden told the House he was in consultation with the French Government.

Austrian Minister Sees Eden

The Austrian Minister called at the Foreign Office to-day and saw the Foreign Secretary. It is assumed that Baron Frankenstein would be in a position to supplement the information which His Majesty's Government had already obtained as a result of enquiries made earlier in the week in pursuance of the normal diplomatic practice by His Majesty's Ambassador and Minister respectively in Berlin and Vienna, regarding the conversations between Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg and the new Austro-German agreement. —*British Wireless.*

TRAMWAYS MAKE BIG PROFITS

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carried during Jubilee week 1935 by 323,000 or nearly 38 per cent.

Owing, however, to the higher fares prevailing in 1935 the receipts for Jubilee week were higher by $2,262 or 4.6 per cent. than during Coronation week.

Compared with 1936 last year's receipts were higher by $305,836 whilst the car-miles rose from 3,651,845 to 4,124,416 or by approximately 13 per cent.

The year's net profit rose by $226,094 or a fraction under 42 per cent.

Except for the Coronation festivities it is to the abnormal traffic during the last four months of the year that we must look for an explanation of these remarkable figures. Other people's troubles are largely responsible for the benefits that have accrued to us. These benefits will not last.

CONSTANT INFLUX

Since August 10 last when the Rajputana arrived with the first shipload of refugees from Shanghai there has been a constant influx of people into the Colony both from the North and from Canton.

In 1936 we carried less than 35 million passengers. We are now carrying a million per week.

There were, indeed, no less than 17 ordinary weeks during the last 4 months of the year in which the passengers carried by tramcar exceeded the number carried during Jubilee week 1935.

Though I have tried to make it clear that this heavy traffic is abnormal and that the majority of the visitors now in the Colony are transient, your Board has, nevertheless, decided to order six additional tramcars. This will bring our fleet to 103 against a fleet of only 57 in 1922.

Although this may mean an excess of rolling stock over maximum requirements later on, we must—as a public utility company—be in a position to cater for the peak load on all occasions.

Whilst on this subject perhaps I should say that traffic receipts for China New Year week last month exceeded the receipts for the corresponding week of 1937 by 25 per cent. and that the number of passengers carried on January 30 (China New Year's eve) were only slightly under a quarter of a million and were in excess of the number carried on Coronation Day last year.

NEW DEPOT PLANNED

In 1933 you were told that the Board had purchased a valuable site in the Quarry Bay area. Last year your Board seized the opportunity to acquire the adjoining piece of land which rounds off the property and makes a total area of 63,000 sq. ft. Ultimately this piece of land will have road frontages on all four sides. Part of this land is to be utilised for the erection of a subsidiary tramcar depot and it is hoped the building will be completed before the end of the present year.

I have been asked by a shareholder to explain the royalty position. This was mentioned in the annual speech in February 1928 and again in February 1934 but perhaps the position might be explained afresh.

As you are aware, from October 1930 the rate of royalty payable to the Hongkong Government increases from 5 per cent. to 25 per cent. on the working profit. In the accounts, $68,000 has been written off annually against Goodwill and Construction Expenses which will have become extinguished in 1938. This charge together with the appropriation to General Reserve now regularly debited in Profit & Loss Account or at least some part of it will thus be available from the time that our increased royalty becomes effective.

In other words preparation for the increased royalty—the first full year's payment of which will not be made until February 1941, for 1940—has for many years been kept in mind by your Board who have framed the financial policy of the Company to ensure as far as is possible that the larger payments after 1940 will not prove a disturbing factor in future accounts.

IMPROVED YIELD

During the year a further $268,736 have been invested but no additional revenue comes in until next year. In the meantime the yield from investments not only has been maintained but shows some improvement.

Investments now total $1,504,745. Taken at the depressed conditions under which 1937 closed the stock market valuation noted in the Balance Sheet is 15.3 per cent. under cost. Some improvement in prices since December 31 has however, been seen and the percentage of difference today is less than 12 per cent. This difference is very slight when set against the General Reserves.

Capital expenditure carried out to Tramway Undertaking Account during the year amounted to $108,200, this largely in respect of new rolling stock. The additional amount of $17,186 under the head "Other Property" refers to the purchase of new land on King's Road, the site of the subsidiary tramcar depot already mentioned.

Depreciation has been allowed on the usual full scale and with it the annual appropriation of $60,000 written off Goodwill and Construction Expenses.

A transfer of $100,000 (as in 1936) to General Reserve will also be noted. The General Reserve Account now stands at $1,000,000.

An Interim Dividend of 30 cents a share costing $105,000 was paid in August last. The Board now recommends a Final Dividend of 60 cents a share amounting to $390,000.

Thus in 1937 90 cents has been paid for the whole year as against 60 cents for 1936 and the balance of holders'

RADIO BROADCAST

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6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Variety and Dance Music. Stompin' At The Savoy (Goodman, Webb, Sampson); Swing, Mister Charlie (Robinson, Taylor, Brooks) ....Judy Garland (13 years old—Vocal); Big Chief De Soto—Novelty Fox-Trot; Cross Patch—Fox-Trot.. ..Bob Crosby and His Orchestra; There's No One With Endurance (Crumit, Curtis); Whoa, Josephine (Crumit, Burt)....Frank Crumit (Tenor); When The Sun Says 'Goodnight' To The Mountain—Fox-Trot; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs —Fox-Trot (film 'Cain and Mabel') ....Roy Fox and His Orchestra; I Heard (Don Reman); St. Louis Blues (W. C. Handy)....The Four Crotchets (Vocal Quartette) with Guitar; My Heart's In Old Killarney —Waltz....George Elliott and His Sweet Music Makers.

7.35 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.40 London Relay—'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Eva Turner (Soprano), and Elsbeth Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) accompanied by A. T. Lay. 1. Duet:—Gruss (Mendelssohn); 2. Soprano: Der Schmied, Standchen, Vergebliches Standchen, (Brahms); 3. Duet: Aller Berge Gipfel (Rubenstein); 4. Mezzo-Soprano: Regenlied (Joseph Marx); Schlummerlied (Hans Hermann); 5. Duet: Uber's Jahr (Bohm).

8.23 Orchestral. Don Juan—Symphnole Poem, Op. 20 (Strauss)....Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

8.31 Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent —28th series of opera: 'Excerpts from Wagner's' Die Meistersinger' Acts I and II.'

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Violin Solos. Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate); Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade, arr. Kreisler) ....Alfredo Campoli with Piano Accomp.; Hungarian Dance No. 1 (Brahms-Joachim)....Grisha Goluboff with Piano accompaniment by Ivor Newton; Extase—Reverie (Ganne).... Albert Sandler assisted by J. Samchtini (Cello) and J. Byfield (Piano).

10.03 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan. 'The Yeomen of the Guard' A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid..... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson and Nellie Briercliffe; When A Wooer Goes A Wooing....Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture!....D. Gill and P. Dawson; Comes The Pretty Young Bride....Full Company; Leonard, My Loved One....Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham, George Baker and Chorus.

10.20 Variety and Dance Programme. Vocal—Famous Ballads By Frederick Weatherley....Dennis Noble (Baritone); Cymbalum and Orchestra—Waltz No. 1 In E Flat (Durand); Red Rose....Cymbalum Solo by Elec Racz with Piano; Rakoczy March.... Colombo's Tziganes; Piano—The King's Horses (Gay and Graham); Medley Of Marches.....Raie Da Costa; Vocal—Gertrude Lawrence Medley....Gertrude Lawrence (Soprano); Dance Orchestra—No Greater Love—Fox-Trot; Lost—Fox-Trot ....Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians; Orchestra—Great Day—Selection (Rose, Eliscu and Youmans)....Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Dance Orchestra —Girls Were Made To Love and Kiss —Quickstep; Love, Live For Ever—Waltz (both from Operetta 'Paganini')....Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

BANISHEE SENT TO PRISON

A life banishee named Chan Shum, 50, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day for breach of the deportation ordinance.

After the defendant had pleaded guilty to the charge through the Court interpreter, it was stated that the case was one for committal to the Criminal Sessions, but Mr. Barnett pointed out that he had been told too late as a plea had already been taken. Thus, the case was heard summarily.

$115,682.90 is carried forward now against $101,601.51 in 1936.

I think I ought to repeat what I said last year that our tram fares are extremely low and are probably the lowest of any road passenger transport undertaking in the world.

I now formally propose "that the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1937, as presented, as adopted and that a Final Dividend of 60 cents per share be paid for the year 1937."

When this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, if I can, any question that shareholders may wish to ask.

Present were: Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), Mr. A. H. Compson, Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. A. R. Fullerton (Directors), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager), Mr. W. F. Simmons (Secretary) Messrs. B. Wongtape, Wm. Allen, F. W. Stapleton, Leung Yau-chung, W. A. Stewart, H. Gittins, Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, Lo Kai-wing, K. C. Mark, Chun Seng-chee and Mrs. B. Church (Shareholders).

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DOLLAR SWEEP WILL YIELD HUGE FORTUNE

MR. ERIC MOLLER OUT TO WIN THE DERBY

(By "Captain Foster")

The Annual Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be staged to-morrow, when at 11 a.m., the first saddling bell will be chimed to indicate the opening of our 1938 racing season. After a lapse of over two months, the "Sport of Kings" will be resumed at the Happy Valley and the Carnival will be continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and conclude on Saturday next.

The Hongkong Jockey Club will start the ball rolling this evening at the Club House, Happy Valley, when three Selling Lotteries will be conducted on the Valley Stakes, the Hongkong Derby and the Rooty-Hill Derby. The cost of a chance is $5. It is open to members and their friends, and all non-members must be introduced by a member and their names entered in the Visitors' Book. The drawing starts at 6 p.m., and I am certain that there will be some brisk biddings.

It may be interesting to know that when the notice relating to the above Selling Lotteries was sent out on January 24, an addendum intimated that the number of special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby had exceeded 65,000 tickets whereas the sale, at the time of writing, is nearing 265,000. In 1936 the sale of this popular dollar sweep amounted to 164,390, but last year the Hongkong Jockey Club could not sell more than 157,150 tickets.

All the sporting celebrities will wend their way to Happy Valley to-morrow and a record attendance on Derby day is almost guaranteed owing to the unprecedented demand for the special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby.

MR. MOLLER'S AMBITION

It is the ambition of the Shanghai challenger, Mr. Eric Moller, who has a great confidence with his nomination, Silkylight to win the exclusive classic event and it will, I am sure, be a source of satisfaction to the old timer to lead in his China griffin at the head of the procession with his son, Mr. R. Moller as the jockey. The last Blue Riband captured by Shanghai was not very long ago, when Hydroplane, belonging to the well-known northern stable, Plane owned by Mr. S. C. Chang and piloted by Mr. B. Proulx, won the 1934 Hongkong Derby.

named by me is not to be understood that they will cross the wire in that position, but they have only been arranged alphabetically. It is interesting to relate that the three candidates are stallions. Last year the winner (Happy Eve) and the second pony (Expansion Time) were from the opposite sex and it looks that a mare's chance of running to a place on Monday is very remote. It would give a false colouring should I attempt to suggest at this juncture that Desert Chief is now a "dead cert" for the major classic event, but, taking everything into consideration, I have no hesitation in saying that it must be a first class animal to prevent Mr. Charlie Encarnacao from repeating his success of 1929 on President Hall for the first Chinese owner, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E.

The performance of Desert Chief last Sunday over the champion course in 2.42 astounded every rail critic, for the chestnut stallion of Mr. Eu Tong-sen came home with a rattling pace of 29 seconds for the last two furlongs and the last half-a-mile was covered in 59.3/5 seconds. Then Silkylight's second trial over the Derby course last Saturday in 3.16.3/5 must also be considered, but the only drawback was that the finish was not as exhilarating in comparison with Desert Chief's test. There is a rumour that neither Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Desert Chief nor Mr. Moller's Silkylight will be seen in action to-morrow, but they shall weigh out on Monday for the endurance test over 1½ miles and it should be one of the finest races of the meeting.

There are 12 races on the first four days of the Carnival but only nine events will be contested on the fifth day.

The Shanghai invasion is a strong one and the Carnival will be the richer by the presence of practically all the best Shanghai crack jockeys, namely,

Mr. C. Encarnacao	for Mr. & Mrs. Eu Tong-sen's stable,
Mr. H. Maitland	for Mr. & Mrs. L. Dunbar's lot,
Mr. F. Marshall	for the Eve's string,
Mr. R. B. Moller	for the "Cire"
Mr. V. V. Needa	for Dynasty and Mrs. Pearce,
Mr. A. Noodt	for Early Birds and Gordos,
Mr. J. Pote-Hunt	for the "Times"
Mr. A. W. Raymond	for Lancashire
Mr. Y. K. Wouh	for Tester & Abraham & others.

With such an array of leading lights from the north, the Annual Carnival will be, without any fear of contradiction, one of the best race meetings in the annals of the Hongkong Jockey Club and it is to be hoped that Mr. Clerk of the Weather will give us a little bit of the blue sky.

Owing to its sodden state, the outside track has not been used this season by the new-comers and under the circumstances I am afraid that the change from cinder to grass will affect the running of some subscription and Derby griffins—so, punters, be careful with your five dollar bills.

All the private boxes have had a good "clean up," but there is a lovely display of beautiful flowers on the lawns and the arrangement, especially in front of the Weighing Room, is really artistic.

NOT AN EASY TASK

I sincerely trust readers will appreciate that it is not an easy job to give tips, owing to the fact that practically all the ponies have two or more engagements per day at the Annual Race Meeting and, therefore, the task of ascertaining where they are going to start has always been a nasty problem for racing writers. With no help from the owners, there is no other recourse than to employ horse-sense to the best of one's knowledge.

After several weary months of "schooling" the Australian and China ponies to trotting exercises, and then breaking them to cantering and galloping movements, there is good reason to believe that all the trainers and riding boys must feel greatly relieved that the most important part of the game is over, but the success of each individual stable depends largely upon the element of luck which is no small factor in racing. It does look at times that a stable can do no wrong. Ponies win race after race with regularity but when the tide changes, there's no accounting and the steeds lose when least expected. However, it is only natural that some trainers will be disappointed with results next week while others will be celebrating.

WHO WIN THE DERBY?

What is going to win the Hongkong Derby? These few words are dashing upon the lips of every sport-lover and my reply is: Will between Communism Bay, Desert Chief and Silkylight. The order

This picture was taken on board the Aramis when the Islington Corinthians arrived in the Colony on Wednesday. Mr. Tom Smith, manager of the touring team, is seen in the centre, with P. B. Clark, the captain, looking over his shoulder. Officials of the South China A.A., hosts of the Islington Corinthians during their stay in the Colony, are also in the photo, taken by our Staff Photographer.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

Divided Into Two Sections

The Sydney Maiden Stakes over six furlongs confined to Australian Sub-griffins of this meeting will be divided into two divisions and the Stewards will determine by lot in which section the ponies will start. Attention of owners is directed to the fact that the result of the draw (which I have not as yet seen at time of writing) does not relieve them of the responsibility of declaring their ponies as starters in the usual manner on the form provided, not less than 45 minutes before the time fixed for the race. The first section will be the third event while the second sections will be contested before the running of the Trial Plate, and my final selections will appear to-morrow. It will be recalled that this year's consignment of Australian ponies came from Queensland and under the circumstances the off-springs are not yet fully known to the followers of the turf. I have come across one or two good judges of horse-flesh and they think that we have a nice batch of racers. At any rate we have not much information about the sires, the names claiming Murray River, Sea Spray, A Lovely Time, Tornado Star, Annabella and King's Privilege not being mentioned on the list provided by the Hongkong Jockey Club. I presume that the last three named must have come from a good stud-farm, for all of them have good legs and nice "streamline." It would of course be advisable for Little Audrey, who was sired by Wool Tax, to keep a sharp look out on these three maidens. Ocean Force is responsible for Bredon and Boris, the former being Mr. Proulx's mount and if Bredon does well, her brother Boris should be considered in the pari-mutuel. Pavonian is the sire of Griffel and the daughter is good for short distances. Tom McCarthy claims Lovely Day, Lucky Lad and Sea Urchin and they should be watched after the best 'uns have been barred. It is to be hoped that King's Privilege and Little Audrey will not be drawn in the same section for the latter is too good over six furlongs. Murray River is, in my opinion, a good miler.

FAVOURITE ANNOUNCED FIT AGAIN

Liberty Bay Should Win Any Time

The curtain-raiser, which will be the Foochow Cup for China ponies over 1½ miles, has attracted only seven stayers, but I am pleased to see the inclusion of Liberty Bay and Trentbridge in the list of entries. The former, belonging to Mr. L. Dumbar, was not raced during the whole of last year on account of being "dotty," but it has now been given a clean certificate of health by the Club's Veterinary surgeon and the animal is looking well. Last Saturday the unbeaten steed had a steady canter over a mile in 2.09.3/5 and the legs did not give any trouble after the gallop. Liberty Bay has also been entered for China Stakes and the New Stables Plate, but he must win wherever he starts. Mrs. Pearce's nomination had not appeared in public after running to a third place in the Ladies Purse with Mr. "Peanut" Marshall up on February 20, 1936 and although he has been certified as O.K., I am afraid the grey nag is a little backward in form. However, I figure that the field of the opening event will be on the small side and the order of the finish should be Liberty Bay, Trentbridge and Soldier of Honour.

BIG FIELD ASSURED FOR MAIDEN STAKES

We shall not be disappointed in the subsequent event, the Maiden Stakes for China ponies, bona fide griffins of this session over six furlongs, for there should be at least over a dozen starters. After having watched the training of these Derby griffins for the last few months, I made up my mind last week that Numerian Eve should have no difficulty in providing Mr. Marshall with the first winning mount of the meeting. This chestnut gelding of the Eve stable has legs faster than a motor cycle, for he is capable of jumping off with 28 seconds for the first quarter and furthermore the aspirant is a speedy merchant over a sprint. Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Cameronian is another good "sin" for short distances, but the former is faster at the release of the tape. Advancing Time and Jober will not be a bad bet for big money.

HAPPY EVE MAY WIN SHORT RACE

Will Meet Strong Opposition

In the China Stakes for China ponies which is a sprint from the 1½ mile post, we should see a good race between our fast smashers, Bear Claw, Happy Eve, Oak Bay and Soldier of Britain for the first position in the frame and my fancy is Happy Eve. Royal Scot was a good mare in her prime (the winner of St. George's Plate and the American Cup) but, after running second to Soldier of Britain in the May Handicap on May 30, 1936, she was on the walking list for a long time. She was then sent to Tientsin where she had no racing at all in 1937 and I am of the opinion that she is not yet fit for the big meeting.

"Your Good Work Remains Behind!"

Major D. H. Steers, O.B.E., R.E., relinquished the post of Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle Association last evening at the second annual general meeting of the Association. His successor is Brevet-Major G. P. Murray, who was elected unanimously.

The enviable position held by rifle shooting in the Colony to-day can be traced directly to the untiring efforts of Major Steers, whose name will for ever be associated with the remarkable progress made by the H.K.R.A. during the last two years.

During this short space of time, Major Steers has not only placed the H.K.R.A. on a sound working basis, but has also made it into one of the biggest—if not actually the biggest—organisations in the British Empire. Only yesterday afternoon, the 900th member was enrolled.

Rifle shooting enthusiasts are fully cognisant of the work which Major Steers has done. A presentation is to be made to him before he leaves the Colony, as a token of appreciation of the Council and members of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

We can sincerely and truly say to Major Steers, "Your good work remains behind!"

SHEFFIELD UNITED BEATEN

Great Opportunity Allowed To Slip

London, Feb. 17.

Sheffield United lost a great opportunity of increasing their lead in the Second Division of the English Football League to-day when, on their own ground, they lost to Manchester United by the odd goal in three.

SECOND DIVISION

Sheffield U.	1	Manchester U. 2

—Reuter.

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES

To Be Split Up Into Two Divisions

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, over half-a-mile will also be divided into two divisions by the Stewards in the same manner as in the running of the Sydney Maiden Stakes. The result of the draw is not yet known and I cannot therefore discuss the prospects of any ponies. However the first section will be contested before lunch while the second will follow immediately after the tiffin interval, which race is fixed to be run off at 2 p.m. I have a long list of half milers but I like Bestevaer, Cricketer, Dark Hazard, Dekko, Ferrybridge, Lucky Eleven, Mongolian Cat and

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CRICKET NOTES BY "R. ABBIT"

Sensible Attitude Of The League

I am not quite sure whether I have been entirely correct in heading this article "Cricket Notes," because there is going to be uncommonly little about cricket itself in it.

As I said on Tuesday, last week was a complete wash out and now I see from a notification by the League that all League matches have been put off to-morrow as there is considerable doubt as to the fitness of the grounds for play. I welcome the definite and sensible attitude the League Committee have taken—at least I suppose it is the League Committee—in thus early issuing a definite announcement. Quite possibly it was influenced by the Weather reports which were not too hopeful 48 hours ago (this is written on Thursday afternoon) but which have been given the lie by a very welcome improvement in the weather. It is, of course, possible that the grounds would have been fit to play though this is doubtful, and they most emphatically would not have been fit to play supposing any more rain fell between now and Saturday afternoon. There is nothing more annoying than to have to hang about with all probability of a Saturday afternoon match being a wash out and yet being unable to fix up anything else in case cricket is possible at the last moment.

A FIXED POSTPONEMENT

I see it has been arranged that the games to which I referred last Friday will now be played on March 5, at all events in the Senior League. Those which normally would have been played to-morrow, Army v. Civil Service, Craigengower v. Hongkong Club, Navy v. Recreio, and I.R.C. v. K.C.C. will be played off on March 12. This also presumably applies to the Second League matches where it can be done. The Club, the K.C.C., the Civil Service, the Recreio, and the Navy have no games on these dates so far as I can see (I speak of the Junior Division). However, I hope to be able to straighten the whole matter out later on. It is possible there will be a few friendly games to-morrow but I do not know definitely about this.

CRICKET IN RACE WEEK

The Volunteers are, according to their usual custom, putting out a cricket team to play on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of race week, and H. Owen-Hughes will captain the side. On Monday they play against Kowloon at the K.C.C. On Tuesday they play against United Services on the Club ground, and on Wednesday on the same ground they take on the Club. For those who neither like watching the ponies run or enjoy the social amenities of a race meeting or the financial opportunities of making money on the pari will find an excellent occupation in watching these matches. I hope to include some account of them by an eye-witness if not actually by myself on Friday next.

OLYMPIC CHAIRMAN MAKES STATEMENT

Chicago, Feb. 12.

Mr. Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee, to-day made a public declaration to the effect that the feelings of Great Britain and America towards the Japanese invasion of China did not constitute a reason for cancelling the holding of the 1940 Olympics or for refusing to participate in the games. —Havas.

Don Bradman's Test Tactics Analysed

(By A Correspondent)

The startling thing about the Australian team that is to tour England this coming summer is the dearth of bowling of more than medium pace.

With the exception of McCormick, a tearaway fast bowler who must be used in short spells, there does not appear to be a man among them faster than McCabe.

One could understand a team possessing an M. A. Noble, a J.W.H.T. Douglas or a Hammond being content to take a chance and include only one fast bowler but McCabe, though perhaps the third best batsman in the world is somewhat less formidable than R.E.S. Wyatt with the new ball, and Wyatt would probably describe himself as a second eleven sort of bowler except against Yorkshire.

There is one other omission, which will fill the heart of more than one English batsman with surprise and fresh hope, and that is the dropping of Grimmett. At Manchester in 1934, on a heartbreaking wicket, when England's whole policy was to force the pace Grimmett sent down seventy-four overs for 150 runs. If Ward is preferred to him he must be a better bowler in Australian eyes than in those of most English critics.

Bowlers For The Tests

There is, of course, another side to the picture. Bradman has had a hand in choosing his team, and he should know well enough what bowling resources he needs.

For the Test matches he may expect McCormick, O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, and Ward to suffice, but if there is a doubt about the weather he can bring in White's left-arm spin—and White is a better bat than the other bowlers. He has also a good stock bowler in Waite, while the fielding of the team should be good enough to lend an edge to almost any steady bowling.

The effectiveness of an attack depends more on its quality than on its variety. Gregory and McDonald will be shudderingly remembered by the batsmen who had to face them in 1921. Grimmett and O'Reilly in 1934 needed only the addition of a little steady change bowling to complete an attack that was up to Test match standard. The question—which must remain open until the Australians have settled down—is how good are O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith, McCormick, Ward, and Co. going to prove?

The calibre of the batting may be deducted from the single fact that Gregory has failed to gain his place in the side.

An Opening Pair

Fingleton and Brown suggest themselves as the opening pair, with Bradman, McCabe, Badcock and Chipperfield to follow at long intervals; and there are also Hassett and Barnes to be reckoned with. Barnes is said to be only nineteen or twenty, but he seems like a brilliant batsman in the making.

Four of Australia's eight batsmen will have to adapt themselves to the English climate and to English wickets and the probability is that one or two of them will be no more than moderately successful. The experience of several of our most promising young players in Allen's Australian tour is fresh enough in the memory to need no underlining.

Australia's team has been chosen after a season of rather drab cricket, judging from the scores and reports. Most strange of all, Bradman has been subdued. He has recently played more than one innings at a mere thirty runs an hour. Have the Australians then learned how to reduce this marvel to the level of other men, and, if so, can we copy their methods?

The one person in the country who may have positive ideas on the subject of keeping Bradman quiet, beyond the obvious one of never dropping the ball a shade short of a length, is that thoughtful student of the game, Hedley Verity. He at least should be consulted by England's next captain, and his advice earnestly pondered.

Bradman abides our question in one more respect. Will he, in 1938, prove himself the equal of Trumper and Macartney on doubtful wickets? Can he learn to live dangerously, yet not too recklessly? Let us hope at least that the coming season will put him to the test.

Confidence In Bradman

The Australian reliance on spin-bowling suggests that Bradman expects our climate to do its worst and that he is prepared to play us at our own game on rain-affected wickets.

It is to be hoped that the policy of subordinating the other matches of the tour to the Tests—a policy of which both countries have been guilty in the past—will not be further developed. A little more batting practice, just to please the crowd, is permissible enough after you are in a position to declare; but a draw forced when you have the whip hand, so far from being cricket, is not even chess.

Australia have one advantage that they have not lately enjoyed—complete confidence in their captain. There has been a certain amount of grumbling in other Australian tours, and there was sufficient discontent when Bradman was appointed captain against G. O. Allen for the sensational Press to make it into news. That became a thing of the past when Bradman carried the team on his shoulders in the later Tests of the series, and this coming tour should be quite free from bickering, barracking, or—how short are memories, I had almost forgotten it—body-line bowling.

Islington Corinthians Have Free Day

The Islington Corinthians, who are now in the Colony in the course of their world tour, are not encumbered by official functions to-day. No doubt many of them will avail themselves of the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the city.

They will commence their football programme in Hongkong to-morrow afternoon when they meet South China A.A. at Caroline Hill. The game starts at 4 p.m.

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"GERMANY SHOULD WIN THE DAVIS CUP"

—Says "Bill" Tilden

Singapore, Feb. 7.

"Germany should win the Davis Cup this year," predicted tall "Big Bill" Tilden when he passed through Singapore yesterday. "England has no chance this year. Austin is talking of retiring and without Austin where is England?" he added.

"We are four individual players who happen to be travelling together," he said speaking of the party with him. "All games we play are played as real matches. They are not staged."

In Egypt and India the party broke all attendance records. In 42 days they played 29 matches in India.

Tilden was emphatic that professional tennis improved a player's game. Perry had told him that his game had gone up 15 after six weeks of professional tennis.

"It stands to reason that a man's game must improve in professional tennis, where he is continually playing against first class men," he said. "Cochet is playing better tennis now than he ever did as an amateur."

Singapore will have a tennis treat at the end of this month when Tilden, Cochet, Ramillon and Burke stage a round robin tournament at the Happy World Stadium from February 24 to February 27. They will play at the Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur, on February 28 and March 1.

APPROVED BY L.T.A.M.

At Singapore, three singles matches and a doubles match will be played, so that the public will see a different combination of players each day. The matches are authorised by the Lawn Tennis Association of Malaya, which will provide umpires and linesmen.

The covered-in boxing stadium at the Happy World has been specially converted into a hard tennis court for the matches and it is expected that more than 20,000 seats will be available. The matches are being sponsored by Mr. Julian Frankel.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS

Colours Awarded To Winners

The Kowloon Junior School held their annual sports on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday when a large number of parents of children and friends attended. No prizes were given but colours were awarded.

The winners in each of the divisions were:—

SENIOR

Girls: Elizabeth Davies (10 pts.), Jean Read (6 pts.), Ruth Woerner, Norma Blakey and Joyce Dimberline (5 pts. each).

Boys: George Neperoff (11 pts.), Stanley Clarke (7 pts.), Jack Tinson, Konny Bonhoff and Nigel Pearson (5 pts. each).

INTERMEDIATE

Girls: Dawn Ramsay (14 pts.), Joan Thompson (11 pts.), Peggy Moran and Claire Routley (3 pts. each).

Boys: Redmond Roger (12 pts.), Francis Petherick (7 pts.), Carruthers Newton (5 pts.).

JUNIOR

Girls: Joyce Cave (17 pts.), Patsy Dimberline (8 pts.), Mary Anderson (7 pts.).

Boys: Peter Smith (13 pts.), Dick Ritchie and Timmy Hanlon (9 pts.), Ronald Coxhill (5 pts.).

CHALLENGE SHIELDS

Girls: Elizabeth Davies; Boys: George Neperoff.

GOOD RUGGER PROMISED

International Final Tie

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Army ground at Sookunpoo to-morrow. The first match will commence at 3 p.m. when a Club side will play H.M.S. Suffolk. This game will be followed at 4.15 p.m. by the final of the International Tournament, when England, who defeated Wales last Saturday, will meet Scotland, who were successful against Ireland in the first round. The Tournament game will be refereed by Mr. D. W. MacEwen. The International sides and the Club side have been selected as follows:—

England.—Tel. Dufty (Adventure); A. B. Northcott (Adventure), Cpl. Sowerbutts (R.A.F.), A. H. R. Butcher (Club), Sgt. Pratt (Seaforths); Lt. Walsham (Adventure) (Captain), Lt. Woods (Grampus); Mne. Dumbleton (Adventure), Pte. Knowles (Seaforths), W. E. Peers (Club), C. F. Needham (Club), Cpl. Wainscote (R.C. of S.), J. Redman (Club), C/ERA Martin (Adventure) and Lt. Ogle (Phoenix).

Scotland.—J. R. Henderson (Club); D. H. Stewart (Club), Lt. Gudgeon (Middlesex), W. E. Grieve (Club), Pte. Peachey (Seaforths); Lt. Douglass (Royal Scots), J. L. Bonnar (club); K. A. Watson (Club), J. S. Dunnett (Club), R. G. L. Oliphant (Club), 2/Lt. MacLagan (Seaforths), L/C. Milne (Seaforths), J. C. Miller (Club) (Captain), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R.C. of S.).

Club.—M.W. MacGrath; D. Hynes, M. G. Carruthers, E. Taverner, H. van Leeuwen; C. W. Lyle, R. Rutherford; A. W. Holden (Captain), T. H. Pratt, W. H. Currie, B. Hynes, A. G. Dalziel, J. K. Birt, K. H. G. White and H. W. E. Heath.

SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

The end of the Rugger season is now in sight and as usual preparations for the annual Seven-a-side Tournament are proceeding. Preliminary rounds will be played in the evening of Monday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 2, and the Club ground at Happy Valley and the finals will take place on the same ground on Saturday, March 5, commencing at 3 p.m. Entries are now coming in and it is expected that there will be five teams from H. M. Ships, seven or eight Regimental and Unit sides from the Army and five civilian sides in the Tournament. The Tournament will provide the usual good fun for both players and spectators, and as part of the proceeds are devoted to Service and Civilian charities, it is hoped that all those interested in Rugger in the Colony will turn up at both preliminary and final rounds and give the Tournament their full support.

RACING NOTES BY "CAPTAIN FOSTER"

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National Dignity. My final nominations will appear to-morrow.

Ponies Reserved For Big Race

Second Class Runners For Trial Plate

Figuring that Confusion Bay, Desert Chief and Silkylight will be especially reserved for the Hongkong Derby on Monday, the Trial Plate for China ponies griffins over the champion course should draw a good field of second class youngsters of this season. Either Handicap Eve or Half-Moon Eve will start here, the latter being the better animal and the mare should be well up at the finish. National Pride seems to me to be about the best of this crowd, but the real danger is Just In Time. After the running of this event, one would be in a better position to get "a clear line" on all ponies.

VALLEY STAKES RIVALRY

Success For Dutch Owner?

We now come to the long waited trial The Valley Stakes, over six furlongs for China ponies sub-griffins of this season and the second leg of the daily double is on the main event of the day. The winner of this important classic is to receive $1,000. The probable starters and jockeys are as follows:

Pony	Jockey
Ali Baba	A. W. Raymond
Arabian Cat	H. C. Pih
Borrachito	A. Noodt
Cape Comorin	B. L. Tao
Charybdis	R. B. Moller
Cleeve	B. Proulx
Easy Time	J. Pote-Hunt
Fei Ying	F. Marshall
Final Triumph	K. S. Shu
Gobi Star	Ip Kui-ying
Golden Cow	S. C. Liang
Louis XIV	S. W. Tang
Lucky Seven	W. G. Poy
Palmer	W. H. S. Davis
Piet Hein	L. B. Chao
Planchet	V. V. Needa
Salvage Master	D. Black
Smiling Thru	C. Encarnacao
The Great Triumph	P. P. Botelho
The Leopard	Y. K. Wouh
Wenning	H. Maitland

There is no better guide than the stopwatch to ascertain the speed and I have found, since the publication of the training times, that the best performance over the Valley Stakes distance was by Piet Hein. It has always been the ambition of every owner to capture the sprint classic event and it looks that the bay gelding belonging to the stable Hollandia has a golden opportunity to present his card first to the judges. It will be remembered that Piet Hein covered the length of the course in 1.35.3/5 and his achievement over six furlongs was the best of this year among the sub-griffins. The "life wire" of the Dutch syndicate is Mr. B. J. Israel, manager of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank while Dr. F. A. van Woerden, the Dutch Consul and Mr. W. A. J. Aernot are the sleeping partners. All of them, I am sure, have the best wishes of all the "early birds" and it is to be hoped that the Hollandia syndicate will be the first Dutch owners to annex the much coveted Valley Stakes. However in every big fight, there is always a lot of challengers and the chief opposition comes from Ali Baba, Fei Ying, Smiling Thru and Planchet.

CURRAGH HANDICAP

Rosemary Allotted Top Weight

In the Curragh Handicap for "C" class China ponies over a mile, we have not to consider the chance of Rosemary, who has been allotted top-weight, as the mare is on the walking list. There should be a good tussle between Boolat Bay, Bright View, Scenic View, Soldier of China, Tyne and Vira, the last named steed being in fine fettle. Commencement Bay is looking extremely well and I would recommend this grey for a long shot.

DIFFICULT TO SPOT WINNER

21 Entries For Bendigo Stakes

The Bendigo Stakes over a mile for B & C classes of Australian ponies of last season has drawn 21 entries and spotting the winner is not easy. Bag Tor has improved immensely and he has not much poundage to carry. A mile is, I am afraid, out of Zodiac's prowess but the mare is dangerous and may upset the apple-cart.

KING'S WARDEN SHOULD WIN

Not Likely To Be Many Entries

The last event, the New Stables Plate, for China ponies over a distance from the two mile post, once round and in, will not have more than a handful of runners and King's Warden should pass the post first with Wild Life and Cossack's Beauty to follow behind.

Entries Split Into Two Sections

Sydney Maiden And Wongneichong Stakes

The two divisions in the Sydney Maiden Stakes and in the Wongneichong Stakes were drawn yesterday and resulted as follows:

The Sydney Maiden Stakes, First Section.—A Better Time, Annabella, Arina, Black Tim, Cape York, Colorado Star, Lily, Lucky Lad, Murray River, Sea Spray, Sea Urchin, The Buffer, Tornado Star.

The Sydney Maiden Stakes, Second Section.—A Lovely Time, Boris, Brendon, Criffel, King's Privilege, Little Audrey, Lovely Day, Macquarie River, Maya, National Crisis, Olga, Rex, See That, Sydney Bridge.

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes, First Section.—Be Yourself, Captain Blood, Cuban Love, Desert Star, Double Up, Final Triumph, Five Rulers, Full Mark, Gobi Star, Golden Brew, Golden Cow, Golden Idol, Labour Day, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, Lucky Seven, Meteor, Mongolian Cat, National Triumph, Palmer, Platinum, Rexlana, Sahara Star, Stymie, The Great Triumph, The Scholar, Tommy, Victory.

The Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes, Second Section.—Acme, African Cat, Ali Baba, Astrik, Bestevaer, Borrachito, Celebration Day, Charybdis, Cloudy Star, Cricketer, Dark Hazard, Dekko, Eagle, Fei Ying, Ferrybridge, Flying Trapeze, Gold Dollar, In The Bag, Mac's Second Venture, Mustard, National Dignity, National Force, National Guard, On Your Toe, Sea Dragon, Split Hand, Sunshine Susie, Wenning.

AUSTRALIAN RACE CANCELLED

Substituded By A Hurdle Event

The recent rain having made the country unsuitable for racing, the Australian Country Race arranged by the Fanling Hunt and Race Club for its meeting at Kwanti on Sunday next, has been cancelled and in its place will be an Australian Hunters' Hurdle Race of 1½ miles open to ponies that were entered for the Australian Country Race.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

	Business Done Prices in Pesos
Antamok	.62
Atok	.37
Baguio Gold	.32½
Benguet Consolidated	3.30
Coco Grove	.09
Consolidated Mines	.010
Demonstration	.41½
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[illegible]	[illegible]

Are You Being Punished?

If you have one bilious attack after another, if you wake up in the morning with a coated tongue and a bitter taste in your mouth, if you find it difficult to control your temper, if you suffer from flatulence and sick headaches, if you have a pimply complexion and ill-smelling breath, you should know that all such troubles are the punishment which nature imposes upon you for internal neglect.

Are you being punished? If so, you should not delay or more severe punishment may follow.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1938. 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 26th February, 1938.

On Saturday 19th, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 26th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies **MUST** wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will **NOT** be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Tel. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1938.

KWANTI RACES

Postponed Steeplechase Meeting will be held on Sunday, 20th February, 1938.

Train leaves Kowloon 1.25 p.m.

First Race 2.45 p.m.

THE FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

China New Year Meeting, 20th February, 1938.

KWANTI

Owing to the rain the condition of the country precludes holding "The Australian Country Cup", Race No. 2 is accordingly cancelled; Entry money will be refunded, and in place the following race is substituted:—

No. 2—"Australian Hunters' Hurdle"—1½ miles for Australian ponies that have been entered for The Australian Country Cup. Catchweight 160 lbs. WINNER a Cup or $50; 2nd $25; 3rd $15. Post Entries. Entry Fee $3.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Feb. 16.	Feb. 17.
Paris	152.57/64	152.27/32
Geneva	21.60	21.60¾
Berlin	12.42	12.40¾
Athens	547½	547½
Milan	95 11/16	95⅝
Olso	19.90	19.90
Copenhagen	22.42	22.42
Stockholm	19.40	19.40
Helsingfors	226½	226½
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COMING SHORTLY TO HONGKONG

Barney Glasgow, once a shanty boy, married Emmy Louise Howitt, his boss' daughter, and became the most powerful lumber baron in Wisconsin. At fifty Barney became desperately infatuated with Lotta Bostrom, the nineteen-year-old daughter of his old friend, Swan. Evvie, Barney's daughter, was in love with a mill hand and Richard, his son, in an attempt to get Lotta out of his father's way had fallen in love with her himself. Unaware of this were Barney and Swan.

Chapter Six

Barney entered the darkened house and mounted the stairs two at a time, hoping to find Emmy Louise still awake. She was. Before broaching the subject uppermost in his mind he decided to tell her about Evvie and Tony. As he expected, she took it badly.

"Aren't you going to stop it?" she cried indignantly.

"You can't stop a thing like that—not when two people really love each other. No, Emmy Louise, you let her alone." He braced himself and continued with quiet force, "She's not going to make the same mistake you and I did."

Emmy Louise looked at him with startled eyes, hardly daring to understand.

"I want a divorce," he went on. "I'll give you anything you want—all the money you can spend—you can write your own ticket and I'll see that—it's all kept quiet—no scandal, no—"

"Bernard Glasgow, you're crazy!" Emmy Louise broke in, her face distorted with fright. "Are you in love with someone? Is it that girl of Swan's? Are you trying to trade an old wife for a new one? You're another of those silly middle-aged rich men that want to marry a young girl and be made a fool of!"

"I'm asking for freedom, Emmy Louise," Barney said evenly.

"You're a fool! You're an idiot! You married me and a fortune with me. You never cared for me, did you? Answer me!" Then, as Barney said nothing, she continued hysterically, "No, don't say it! I know it's true, I've always known how you felt. But I loved you—you could never understand loving like that—I was like a dog crawling after you . . ."

"I'm terribly sorry," Barney said almost in a whisper.

"Don't do this to me," she begged. "I know you'll leave me if you want but I'll never give you a divorce—never! You'll never marry that girl if I can help it!"

Barney looked at his wife in anger and contempt. What was the use? He started for the door, his feet dragging. Behind him there was a sharp cry. Her hands outstretched, trembling, Emmy Louise came toward him. She was sinking to her knees. He caught her quickly, roughly. She looked at him with terrible, tragic eyes.

"You're all I've got—all I've ever had in the world. I don't care who Evvie marries—if *you'll* only stay with me! If you say he's all right it's all right with me—anything you say, only don't leave me!"

Sinking into a chair, Emmy Louise buried her head in her arms and began to weep in long, tearing sobs. A torrent of pity welled up within Barney, pity so great that even his resolve was shaken. With awkward gentleness he put his hand on her shoulder and walked from the room.

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The Glasgow house was filled with wedding guests. Evvie and Tony were being married. When the ceremony was over Evvie looked at Tony with love and pride shining in her eyes; her dream had come true at last. Emmy Louise embraced Evvie with tear-filled eyes. She kissed Tony. They looked so happy, she couldn't help crying just a little. Mrs. Schwerke enfolded Evvie in her ample, motherly arms. Swan, Karie and Lotta crowded around and wished the couple happiness.

When Evvie had changed into her travelling dress she stopped at Richard's room expecting to find Tony there. The door was slightly ajar and she suddenly stopped, paralized by what she saw. Richard and Lotta were standing in the middle of the room, locked in each other's arms. They were completely oblivious of her presence.

Evvie walked quickly down the stairs and detached her father from a circle of smiling friends. She kissed him tenderly.

"Do me one more favor," she said. "I left my bag with the railroad tickets up in Richard's room—"

Barney chuckled and went upstairs. At the threshhold of Richard's door he stopped dead in his tracks. Richard was kissing Lotta with passionate adoration. At the sound of his entrance they turned, their arms still entwined. Barney's face was terrible to behold. His mouth hung open and he was breathing like a man who had been running. Without a word of warning he lunged at Richard. Richard ducked, evading him.

"Lotta and I are gonna be married—" he began.

"You fool!" cried Barney, "She's my girl—she's my girl!"

"Lotta and I are gonna be married—" Richard began.

Lotta rushed at Barney, her eyes blazing.

"Don't you believe him, Richard. It's a lie! Ask Aunt Karie—ask Pa. He never touched me—I wouldn't let him. He's lying—"

Richard advanced toward his father, his fist doubled.

"Say you're lying—say it's a lie—what you just said, or I'll lick you—father or no father—"

As Barney and Richard struggled breathlessly, Lotta cried out in terror:

"Richard—let him be—let him be! You'll hurt him. He's an old man—he's your father—"

Clutching at Richard's coat, she dragged him away from Barney, who stared at her, stricken by her words, "He's an old man." His breath came in choking gasps. Turning slowly, like a man in a daze, he walked out of the room.

At the bottom of the stairs Emmy Louise awaited him.

"That precious son of yours — I threw him out!" He looked ill. His eyes were sunken and glazed. As she stared at him, uncomprehending, he went on, "That girl. He said he was going to marry her."

"Is that all? Is *that* all?" There was relief and joy in Emmy Louise's eyes. "I don't care, not as long as it isn't you—I thought—" She wiped away the tears that rolled down her face. "I think Evvie's going to be happy—maybe Richard and this Lotta can be too. Things seem to be taken out of our hands. Maybe it's better that way . . ."

Barney put his hand gently on his wife's shoulder and looked about for Evvie. Evvie—she had sent him upstairs on purpose! Well, he was glad of it. It was what he needed to bring him to his senses. Amid general goodbys, kisses, tears and a shower of rice, the newly-weds made their departure. The butler was announcing lunch. Putting his arm around Swan's shoulders, Barney turned and faced his guests. His face was twisted in a strangely bitter smile but he was calm.

"Come and get it!" he said, echoing the old familiar cry. "Everybody, come and get it!"

THE END

TO-DAY IN HISTORY

Spark That Started The Spanish-American War

Forty Years Ago To-Day the American Cruiser Maine Sank in Cuba

IN February, 1898, the Spaniards were still wearily trying to reduce their refractory Cubans to order. Cuba, as the last fragment of their great American Empire, was very precious to them and they were most reluctant to allow her to go the way of the other colonies from revolt to independence.

But while the Spaniards controlled the towns and the coastline, the interior of the island was seething with rebellion, whole tracts being in the hands of Autonomists, who carried on a ceaseless guerrilla warfare against the troops sent to suppress them.

Nearly as serious as the rebellion was the attitude of the United States.

The Spaniards had been in Cuba before the Americans were in America; so that there could be no question of invoking the Monroe Doctrine; but the American newspapers openly expressed their hope that the upshot of the troubles would be the final expulsion of Spain from the New World and were already beginning to talk of intervention.

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AT this unpropitious moment the Americans elected to send a warship, the Maine, to Havana.

The explanation that the Maine had been sent to pay a courtesy visit deceived nobody and was regarded by the Spaniards as a gratuitous insult to their intelligence.

They protested, but were too late to stop the Maine; all that they could do by way of reprisal was to send one of their own cruisers to New York.

The Maine arrived in Havana to find a chilly reception. The Spaniards, in their indignation, had exaggerated her size and armament. Actually she was a second-class battleship of 6,682 tons, carrying four ten-inch and six six-inch guns.

The authorities of Havana were frigidly polite to her commander, Captain Sigsbee, and his officers, and no more; the population was not always even polite. Passengers in a ferry-boat booed and cat-called as they crossed the Maine's bows, and when Captain Sigsbee attended a bullfight, he was received by a battery of black looks.

However, the Americans had not been expecting bouquets and took these outbursts in good part. On the evening of February 15 all was quiet aboard and in the city. It was a heavy, rather breathless night, following a hot, sunless day.

The cafes were still full of people when at 20 minutes to ten something happened which sent everyone hurrying to the water's edge.

A report, as though a sporting gun had been fired, was followed by a tremendous explosion, and from the spot where, a moment before, the Maine had been lying at anchor, a great column of flame and smoke rose skywards.

For some minutes the smoke hid everything, and when it cleared all that could be seen of the battleship was a burning heap of wreckage crowded with men.

Boats were lowered by an American steamer and a Spanish cruiser, and the survivors were taken off, but the casualties were terrible; 254 men perished, and only 100 were rescued.

What had happened? The accounts of the survivors differed slightly.

Captain Sigsbee, who was writing letters in his cabin at the time, described the explosion as "a burning, rending and crashing sound." He also declared that immediately afterwards he had heard cheering from the shore.

One man described a "trembling and buckling of the decks," followed by an explosion; another saw the whole starboard side of the deck "spring up in the air."

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SOME were positive there had been two explosions; others were equally sure they had heard only one. All were agreed on the violence of what had happened. The ship had been split in pieces, and men had been tossed about like scraps of paper.

Next morning the inevitable trouble began. The Spanish newspapers expressed their profound sorrow that, probably owing to some defect in construction, the Maine should have blown up and so many brave men have lost their lives.

The American papers registered their burning indignation at the treacherous destruction of one of their battleships lying in the harbour of a so-called friendly Power.

The Governments of both countries announced that an inquiry must be held, and within a week two rival courts were sitting. The obvious alternative of one court of neutral judges does not appear to have occurred to either party.

The proceedings of both inquiries were necessarily restricted. The Spaniards, who professed their belief in an interior explosion, had the run of the harbour, but could hardly trespass on the wreckage or insist overmuch on examining survivors. The Americans, who were sure that the Maine had been mined or torpedoed, were unable, in the delicate state of international relations, to insist on searching the harbour and the Spanish defences.

Each inquiry, in short was precluded from exploring the ground where its members might expect to find evidence confirming their preconceived theories.

The Spaniards got their report out first. Since there were no mines in Havana harbour and no one could have fired a torpedo without official cognisance, the explosion, they argued, must have been internal.

They went on to make a number of interesting and—to the Americans—highly irritating suggestions as to what could have caused it. Spontaneous combustion in the coal bunkers, perhaps, or an accident in the magazine, or the generation of gas in a watertight compartment, or some carelessness in leaving inflammable materials about.

The American inquiry had the advantage of being able to carry out a thorough inspection of the wreck. Divers were sent down, and although it was impossible to discover much from a tangled mass of steel imbedded in soft mud, they did bring to light certain facts.

It appeared that the bottom plating of the ship had been violently bent and the keel similarly bent and broken, a result which, in the opinion of the court, could only have been produced by the explosion of a mine.

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FURTHER, the Court had little difficulty in squashing all the ingenious suggestions put forward by its Spanish rival.

The two courts could not be left to agree to differ, and a month later Congress—recognised—the—independence of Cuba, and instructed President McKinley to take such measures as might be necessary to expel the Spanish forces from the island.

The Spanish Minister at Washington at once demanded his passports, and so began the war, which was to be a continuous disaster for Spain.

But what, it may be asked, was the truth? The question is important. If the Maine was blown up by the Spaniards the Americans could scarcely be blamed for their drastic action; but if the explosion was internal American intervention was unjustified.

There can be little doubt as to how the Maine was destroyed. In 1911, at immense expense, the wreckage was brought to the surface and examined. The most important discovery was a curved bottom plate, which indicated, almost beyond question, that at this point the Maine had come in contact with a mine.

Immediately above the plate was the six-inch magazine, where black powder was stored, which must have been ignited by the explosion.

There are of course, two sorts of mines, those which explode on contact and those which are controlled by electric cable. Since the Spaniards would hardly have scattered the first sort in a harbour full of shipping, the Maine must have been destroyed by one of the second.

When the Spaniards declared that they could find no trace of an electric cable in the harbour, they were lying and knew that they were lying.

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FROM Spanish sources it is clear that the harbour of Havana was protected by mines, 190 of which had been sent out from Spain the year before. The anchorage of the Maine being fixed by the port authorities, it is probable that an electrically controlled mine was placed at the spot where she would lie.

Curiously enough, on the evening of the explosion she had swung round on her moorings until she was in the very position she would take up if she were engaging the Spanish batteries on shore, the eventuality for which the mine was presumably intended.

In view of the strained relations between Spain and the United States the precaution was perfectly legitimate.

To this day no one knows how or by whom that mine was fired. The secret is perhaps locked away among records at Madrid; or perhaps it was thought wiser that there should be no documentary evidence.

But the Spaniards must have discovered the true cause and tried to conceal it.

It can scarcely be supposed that the authorities themselves were so mad as to fire the mine. But it may be that on the night of Feb. 15 someone obtained access to the electrical gear controlling the mines in the harbour. He saw, by the dropping of a shutter, that the Maine had swung round until she was in contact with a mine, and he could not resist the temptation.

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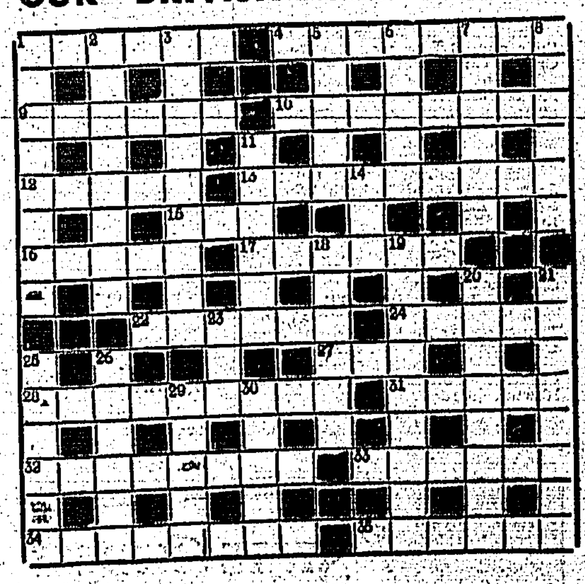

ACROSS.

1 In business I make extravagant talk (6).
4 Acted telling little Edward what sort of performance it was (8).
9 Approach (6).
10 An indoor game with an onomatopoeic name (8).
12 "For I who hold sage— 's rule the best, welcome the coming, speed the parting guest" (Pope). (5).
13 Descriptive of perfect service at tennis (9).
15 Bird (3).
16 English girl who is always in France (5).
17 Material from a llama (9).
22 Heraldic metal (6).
24 Town of Belgium (5).
27 Bird (3).
28 This man might be of use in two capacities on a cattleboat (9).
31 River of France (5).
32 Languid like a lady who has lost her shopping memoranda (8).
33 This knight was a British dramatist (6).
34 Evidence of underground excavation (8).
35 Experienced, not necessarily in poetry (6).

DOWN

1 If this useful work was not straight it would be chealing (6).
2 Town to be found in Yorkshire or Surrey (8).
3 This article previously capable of doing damage (9).
4 A foreign soldier (8).
5 Ancient (6).
6 When you have lost your way it is pleasing to get this direction (5).
7 Useful to the planter (6).
8 Summary (6).
11 On fire of course, obviously (6).
14 Always to be seen in a pleasant landscape (3).
18 A new idea is obvious (6).
19 A stage flower (9).
20 Brave advice to the timid (8).
21 This English town shows where to cross the river (8).
23 Vapour (8).
25 Shelter (6).
26 Plant that is used for dressing cloth (6).
29 Masculine name (5).
30 This town of Mesopotamia is made from a slum and nothing more (5).

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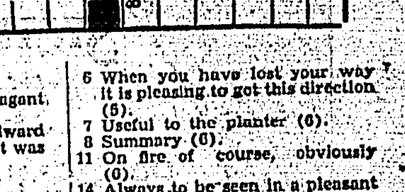

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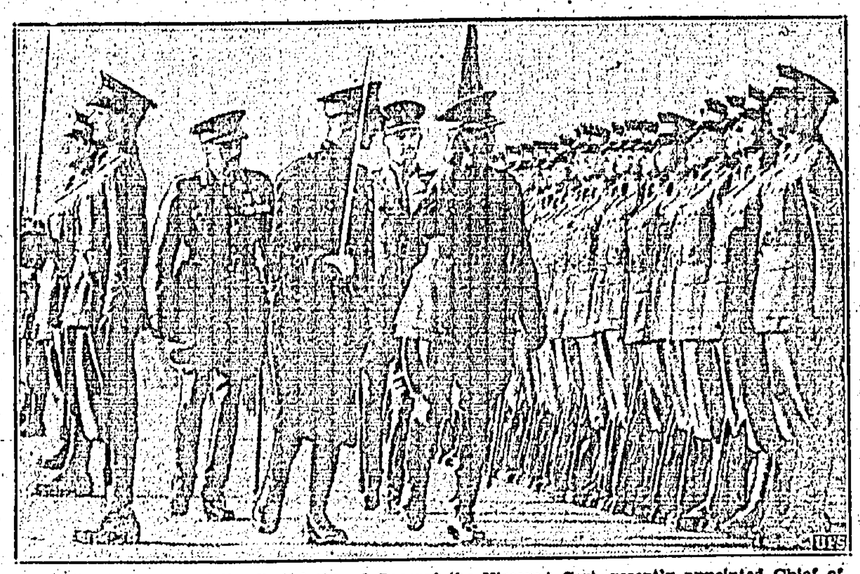
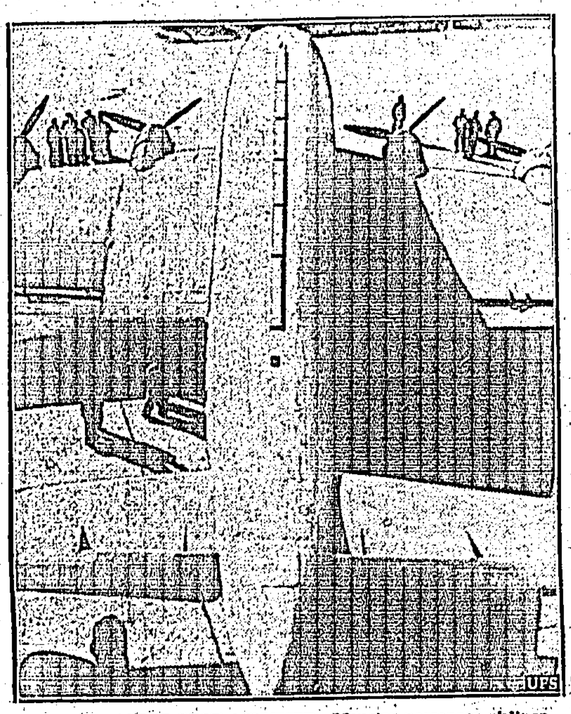


INSPECTION—One of the first duties of General the Viscount Cort, recently appointed Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, was to inspect the cadets at the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, England. Here Britain's future war commanders look their best as General Cort, accompanied by his staff, reviews them.



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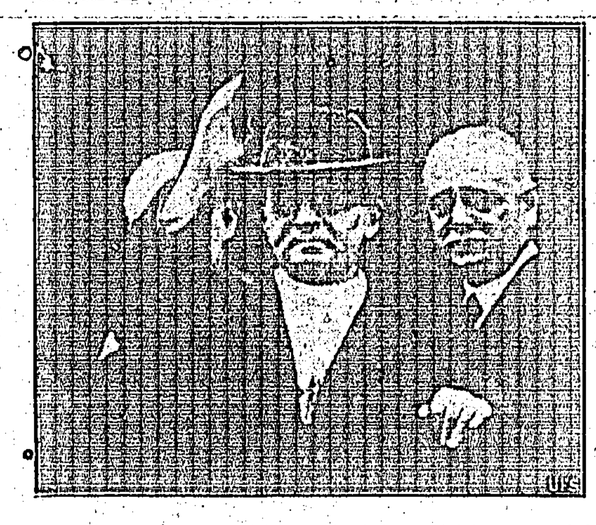
GLAMOUR — Gloria ("Mimi") Baker, society's newest glamour girl, shown in her crazyjama outfit as she strolled with her pet on Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, Fla. Later she left for New York, to embark with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Emerson, on a five-months world tour, visiting South America, South Africa, China and Australia.

SOVIET FIRST MAN VOTES—During Russia's recent election of the first Supreme Soviet under the new constitution, more than 90,000,000 persons voted for the only ticket in the field—the one headed by Joseph Stalin himself. Here the Man of Steel casts his vote in Moscow. The Stalin ticket lost only .007 per cent of the entire vote cast.

TROUBLED KING TO WED—Despite political discord in Egypt, resulting in expulsion of one cabinet and appointment of a new one, King Farouk, right, 18-year-old ruler of Egypt, went ahead with arrangements for his wedding to Miss Sasi ("Pure Rose") Naz Zulficar, 16. The bride is the daughter of an Appeals Court judge in Alexandria.



POPE REFUSES TO REST — High Vatican officials are worried over the refusal of Pope Pius to rest adequately and guard himself against the Roman winter, fearing jeopardy of his life. Above, he blesses the crowd in front of his summer palace, Castel Gandolfo in the Alban Hills, before returning to the Vatican recently, after six months' sojourn there.

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KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	19th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
†*BANGALORE	0,000	26th Mar.	B'bay, M'seilles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	2nd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	16th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
†*BHUTAN	0,000	23rd Apr.	B'bay, M'seilles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.

* Cargo only † Calls Casa Blanca All vessels may call at Malta

BRITISH INDIA APCAR SAILINGS (SOUTH)

SANTHIA	8,000	26th Feb.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
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KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	18th Feb. Noon, Shanghai & Japan.
*BANGALORE	0,000	19th Feb. Noon, Shanghai & Japan.
SIRDHANA	8,000	3rd Mar. Amoy & Japan.
NALDERA	16,000	4th Mar. Shanghai & Japan.
NANKIN	7,000	6th Mar. Shanghai & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	18th Mar. Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	0,000	19th Mar. Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	17th Mar. Amoy & Japan.

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Reserve Funds:—
Sterling ..... £ 6,500,000
Hongkong Currency Reserve $10,000,000
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1937.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1937.

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Subscribed and Paid-up £2,594,100
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G. H. BELL, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1938.

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Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
T. KANO, Manager.
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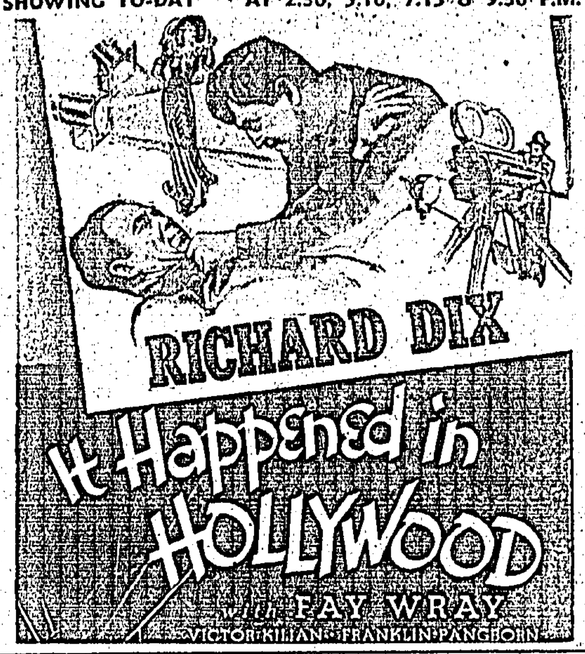

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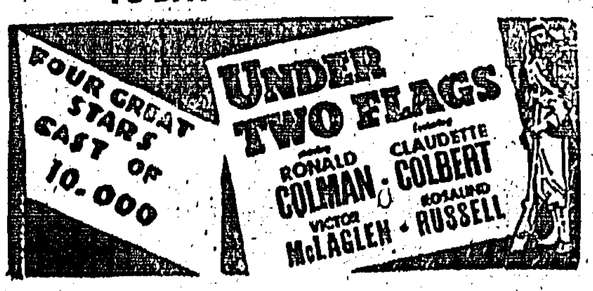

New Political Move Made In Austria

Seyssinquart's Visit To Germany

Berlin, Feb. 17.

The French Ambassador made his first visit on Herr von Ribbentrop, new German Foreign Minister to-day, after which it was announced that all foreign questions concerning France and Germany were discussed. It is understood that the Austrian question was also raised, and the German view stressed that the recent developments contributed to the strengthening of peace.

Great expectations are entertained here in connection with Herr Seyssinquart's appointment as Minister of Public Security and Federal Leader of the National Political Department. It is reported that he is uniting the police force and Ministry of the Interior under the one administration which is generally regarded as the most important development, next to the amnesty which was granted.

The first visit Herr Seyssinquart made in Berlin to-day was to the chief of the political police, after which he saw Herr von Ribbentrop before he was received by Herr Adolf Hitler. Herr Seyssinquart's visit to Berlin is described as being unofficial.—*Reuter.*

STOCK EXCHANGE FLUCTUATION

London, Feb. 17.

On the Stock Exchange to-day, gilt-edged holdings, after weakening, further recovered sharply. Japanese bonds improved, but Austrians again lost ground. Industrials were out of favour, especially the leaders, while oils reacted sharply to rumours, subsequently confirmed, of a cut of a halfpenny per gallon of petrol.

Commodities and cocoa were active on short-covering and speculative buying, influenced by reports of detrimental rains on the Gold Coast. Base metals, rubber and wheat all firmed up in sympathy with the United States.—*Reuter Special.*

NO CONSCRIPTION IN PEACE TIME

London, Feb. 17.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the present Government would not introduce conscription during peace time.

This reaffirms the pledges given by Earl Baldwin's Government previously.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

BRITAIN WON'T BAN CHINESE EGGS

London, Feb. 17.

Asked in the House of Commons whether he would take steps to prohibit the importation of Chinese liquid eggs to prevent a rise in typhoid infection from this sources, Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, declined, and added that laboratory examinations of Chinese eggs had not revealed the presence of disease-producing organisms.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN, JAPANESE TALKS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 17.

It is semi-officially announced that the Japanese Ambassador conversed with General Goering yesterday on "questions of interest to Germany and Japan."—*Reuter.*

NEW NAVY WILL COST AMERICANS MILLIONS

Programme Requires Staggering Sum

Washington, Feb. 17.

Rear-Admiral Dubose, Chief of Naval Construction, testified to the Naval Affairs Committee to-day that President Roosevelt's naval expansion programme would cost over G$1,000,000,000.

He estimated that 46 warships would cost G$731,095,000, that 22 auxiliaries would cost G$240,451,000, and that mine-sweepers and tenders would cost a further G$72,000. These estimates were exclusive of the cost of 1,000 fighting planes.

He explained that the United States navy had no plans for materially changing the size of the two 35,000 ton warships provided for in the 1939 Navy Supply Bill.

Members of the committee pointed out that only a relatively small portion of the G$1,000,000,000 would be expended in 1939.—*Reuter.*

Wharf And Godown Co. Paying Well

$8.50 Dividend For Year's Operations

The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. report that, subject to audit, the balance at profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1937, is $955,788.51 which together with $208,623.14 brought forward from the previous year makes a total of $1,164,411.65 available for appropriation.

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The directors at the approaching meeting of Shareholders, will recommend the following distribution:—

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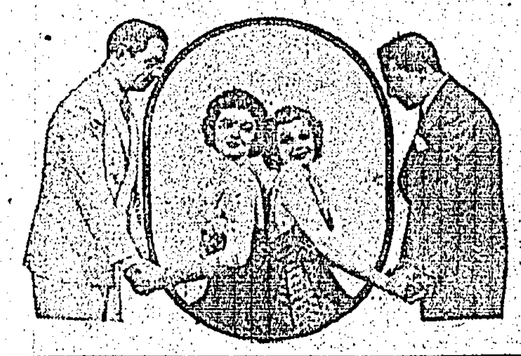

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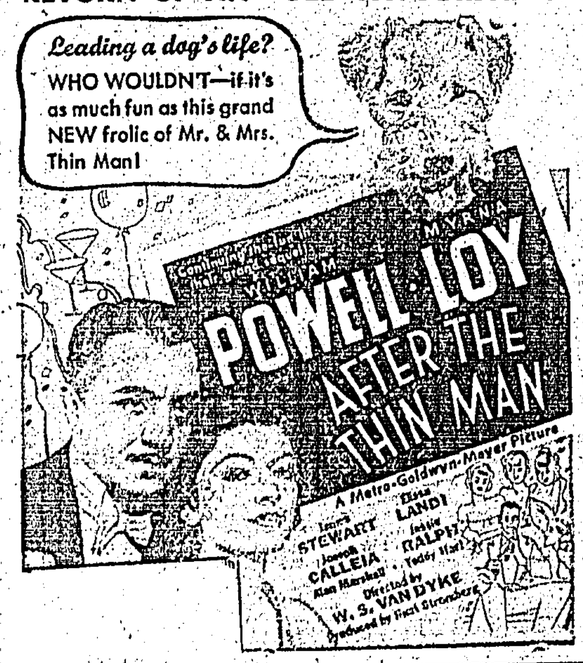

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